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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yamatsi ...Dep.	8.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.24	4.44	5.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.36	2.36	4.56	6.06
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.50	2.50	5.10	6.20
Taipei Market Dep.	7.20	8.45	9.50	10.40	12.40	2.00	3.00	5.20	6.30
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.10	3.10	5.30	6.40
Shuangshui ...Dep.	7.35	9.00	10.05	10.55	12.55	2.15	3.15	5.35	6.45
Shuangshui ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.14	10.57	12.57	2.12	3.03	5.33	6.41
Canton ...Arr.	—	11.50	5.58	—	—	—	6.03	—	—

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Canton ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.34	11.09	12.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Shuangshui ...Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.56	—
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.18	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—
Taipei Market Dep.	7.40	8.28	10.56	—	12.00	3.21	5.02	6.10	—
Taipei ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.07	6.15	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.20	6.28	—
Yamatsi ...Dep.	8.11	8.58	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.58	6.45	7.04

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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Yamatsi ...Dep.	8.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	2.31	3.22	5.42	6.52
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	2.46	3.37	5.57	7.07
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	2.59	3.50	6.10	7.20
Taipei Market Dep.	7.20	8.45	9.50	10.40	12.40	3.09	4.00	6.20	7.30
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Our London Letter.

RAILWAYS IN BRITAIN.

TO COMBAT ROAD TRAFFIC.

PRESENTATIONS AT COURT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, Jan. 6th.

The year has opened brighter for the railways much to the satisfaction of all who are interested in these great undertakings. The Railway Rates Tribunal, after six years' labours, has sanctioned a full and completely revised scale of rates and charges based on post-war conditions. With wages, coal, taxes, local rates, and all other expenditure greater than in the period before 1914 it was only fair that the charges both for passengers and goods should come up for review.

The Tribunal had a very stiff job to decide between the various interests concerned, but on the whole it must be conceded that the work has been done very well indeed. The railways are entitled to get more as public carriers, but if the new scale should produce a bigger revenue than is anticipated under what is called the "standard revenue," the surplus is to be distributed between the companies and the public. The former will retain 30 per cent., and the latter will receive 80 per cent. which will be applied to the reduction of rates and charges.

Position of Stockholders.

It has to be borne in mind that a great many people invested their savings in railways. In the brave days before the war railway stock was regarded as a gilt-edged security. But in recent years the return has been very meagre. Last year's revenue made up some of the ground lost owing to the General Strike, which was promoted with a reckless disregard of consequences, but there is still room for improvement. If railway shares rise as a result of the new scale sanctioned by the Railway Rates Tribunal it will be quite in accordance with the fitness of things and an act of justice. It will help to compensate those who hold investments that were made when shares were much higher than they are to-day.

In this connection a case in point is London and North Eastern deferred, which some years ago were as high as 38 and are now round about 18. It does not require much effort of imagination or arithmetical calculation to appreciate the loss to be recovered by people who bought when the shares were in the 30's.

Launching Out.

The railway companies are seeking powers this year to combat road transport. They will compete with motor coach and motor lorry traffic. As an instance of how they are working up I may say that recently the Great Western outbid the charabanc for a football party, and even arranged for an express to make a special stop. This was in order to capture business. This is the right spirit, which ought to make 1928 a better one for railways.

Presentations at Court.

The eagerness to be presented at Court is greater than ever. It is indicated by the fact that for the first time this summer after only one post the Lord Chamberlain has been compelled to close the list of applications. All subsequent applications are, therefore, too late. Ladies wishing to be summoned or to make presentations were asked to write by the first post on January 4th, and, as I have stated, the Lord Chamberlain had so many letters that he was unable to consider any more that might arrive. There has been a steady increase in the numbers of applications each year in recent times, but this year a record has been established.

A Missionary Hero.

The papers here make agreeable comment on the notification in the London Gazette that the King has appointed the Rev. Forbes Tocher, M.C., M.A., B.D., to be a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

PRINCE AND POISON PLOT.

BEAUTIFUL WIFE SENT TO DEATH.

MAHARAJA AND DANCING GIRL.

BOMBAY, January 9th.

A young Indian Prince's fears of a poison plot, the return of his wife to her father, and the alleged influence of a dancing girl over a Maharaja, are features of an amazing story revealed to-day regarding the flight from his father's capital of Prince Vikram Singh, heir-apparent to the throne of Dewas, a Central Indian State.

There is a senior and a junior Dewas. They are twin states. The larger or senior is ruled by His Highness Maharaja Sir Tukoji Rao Pawar, who is 40. It has an area of 448 square miles and a population of about 60,000.

Mother's Departure.

Last month Prince Vikram Singh, after quarrels with his father, fled from the city of Dewas and arrived at the British Residency in Indore, 90 miles away, in a state of great agitation. It is now stated that his misfortunes are largely attributed to the machinations of a former dancing girl, who has supplanted his mother in the affections of the Maharaja and is alleged to hold great influence over him.

The Prince's mother is a sister of the Maharaja of Kolhapur, but she left Dewas several years ago, and no subject of Kolhapur has since been permitted to enter Dewas.

Wife Molested.

There has been a systematic persecution of the Prince, who is not yet 20, and his beautiful wife, the daughter of the Chief of the State of Jath, whom he married last year. Owing to molestation the Princess recently returned to her father.

To mark the Maharaja's displeasure the Prince was deprived of his rank in the Dewas army and was confined to his house as a prisoner. Fearing attempts on his life by the Prince, on the pretext of going for a motor-car drive, made a dash across the State border and placed himself under the protection of the Resident in Indore, Mr. Glancy.

The Prince is now staying at the Maharaja's palace in Bombay, where he is preparing a petition to the Viceroy, Lord Irwin.

Empire. It is recalled with evident appreciation that Mr. Tocher, a Scots missionary, at great personal risk negotiated on behalf of the Admiralty with the Chinese river bandits after their capture of Captain Lalor, and finally secured his release on payment of ransom. During the war he served in France as a combatant.

Insufficient Postage.

The Postmaster General has found it necessary again to call attention to the large proportion of correspondence for places abroad which are posted insufficiently prepaid. He points out that to begin with that such correspondence has to be selected for special delivery and in consequence is usually delayed. It is charged double the deficient postage on delivery, and for this reason is often refused by the addressee. The latter even if they do not refuse to take delivery are naturally annoyed at being called upon to pay the surcharge entailed by the neglect or ignorance of the sender, and this is not calculated to promote good commercial relations.

It is of interest to learn that the most frequent lapses fall under three headings. The mistakes are in thinking that the post rate is a penny to places like Hong Kong to which a one ounce letter can be sent for three half-pence; that the Imperial rate of postage applies to letters to Iraq; and that many partly written documents are transmitted abroad as printed papers. But it is really surprising how many people are with regard to rates of postage. There is no excuse in fact, for the details are to be found printed in every diary.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Candlemas.
H.K. Benevolent Society Annual Meeting, City Hall, 12.15 p.m.
U.S.R.C. Tennis Tournament: Semi-finals of Handicap events have to be completed.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Impromptu Dance, 7.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Ladies' Night, European Y.M.C.A., 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."
World Theatre: "Going Up."
Star Theatre: "The Crown of Lies."

Principal Mails.—Inward:

Europe via Suez (Macedonia).

Friday.

Memorial Service for the late Field Marshal Earl Haig, St. John's Cathedral, 11 a.m.

U.S.R.C. Tennis Tournament: Finals.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.

Hockey: Navy v. R.A.F. (Sim Shield); University v. Club "A" (Pokfulam), 5.15 p.m.

"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Concert and Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."

World Theatre: "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife."

Star Theatre: "The Crown of Lies."

Principal Mails Inward: Europe via Siberia (Macedonia), 8.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Szechuen), 5 p.m.

Saturday.

Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m.

H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament: Entries close, noon.

Gold: Captain's Cup, Fanning.

Fanning Hunt: Meet at Mr. Potts' Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

U.S.R.C. Tennis Tournament: Finals, 3 p.m.

Formal opening of the Club de Reccrois new club-house at King's Park, by H.E. the Governor, 3.30 p.m.

Yachting.

Cricket League: Division I: C.S.C.C. v. R.G.A.; I.R.C. "A" v. University.

Friday Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI; Police R.C. v. University 2nd XI.

Football League: Division I: Kowloon v. Queen's; Royal Artillery v. Reccrois; Scots Guards v. Chinese Athletic; South China v. Royal Air Force; Club v. K.O.S.B.

Division II: "A": South China v. Chinese Athletic; South China v. St. Joseph's; Kowloon v. University; Club v. Reccrois.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.

Hong Kong Boxing Association Tournament, Lee Theatre, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."

World Theatre: "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife."

Star Theatre: "The Crown of Lies."

Principal Mails.—Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Macao), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.

Septuagesima.

Beginning of Spring (Li-ch'un).

Gold: Captain's Cup, Fanning.

Junior Championship (first round).

Fanning Hunt: Point-to-Point Meeting, Lok Ma Chau, 11 a.m.

Yachting.

Theological Society, Lecture, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."

Principal Mails.—Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (President Pierce).

JAPANESE ROYAL DIVORCE.

WIFE OF EMPRESS'S BROTHER.

TOKYO.

Imperial circles have been shocked by the separation of the Marquis Kun, brother of the Empress, from the wife to whom he was married three years ago, Princess Ryoko, daughter of Prince Shimadzu.

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WHY CHILDREN QUARREL.

PARENTS BLAMED.

WOMAN DOCTOR'S THEORY.

MEN WHO WON'T MARRY.

Why do certain families of children quarrel violently over their games?

According to Dr. Alice Hutchison, of Great Ormond Street Hospital and the Tavistock Clinic for Nurses, who addressed the conference of Health Visitors and School Nurses, at King's College, Strand, on December 28th, this friction between brothers and sisters is the inevitable result of a superficial discord between the parents.

"It is of the greatest importance," she said, "that we should have superficial harmony between the mother and father. Superficial discord works havoc, and children who quarrel at their games are the inevitable result."

Dr. Hutchison was speaking on the "Psychology of parenthood." "Most mothers fulfil their duties very well during the period of infancy, but when the child begins to assert itself and to oppose its will to that of the mother, then difficulties begin. A sense of irritation and of impatience arises in the mother, who fails to realise that the child cannot develop. In many homes the preparation of a girl for marriage, mainly consists in clothes and a trousseau. In America, I understand, they have begun to prepare young men and women for marriage in classes, but I think that is a most appalling reflection upon the parents of those young people. Fathers and mothers ought, from their own experience, to instruct these young people."

As regards birth control, I do say very clearly that birth control has wrecked numbers of marriages. I am not discussing the question for or against it. I am aware that young people marrying at 20 may not be able to go on having children until they are 40. Birth control wrecks marriages because the maternal urge cannot be quenched so easily. If you put a difficulty in the way of that urge you will find women harbouring a feeling of animosity against their husbands. The husband may argue that his wife agreed to have no more children, but the fact remains that she did not know herself how strong the urge was. At the present time there is a real difficulty because of the expense of bringing up children, and therefore, the use of birth control is having a very deleterious effect upon women. It is producing that terrible monotony—the only child. We may come to speak, not of drink, but of only-childism as the greatest curse of this country."

Men Who Won't Marry.

Dr. Hutchison said they wanted to see children absolutely break the tie of dependence upon their mothers. "We see the young man who won't marry because he must leave his mother. People say: 'How beautiful!' The truth is that he won't leave his mother because he is a baby and won't break the tie. He can't do without her. We want fully grown men who will leave home and take a wife not as a second mother but as a mate. What seems to outside people to be excellent parenthood often means failure to the child. If you make a child a baby you make him selfish, and a fully grown man he will never be."

"I can conceive of no better training for parenthood than work in a first-class nursery school. In a first-class nursery school you learn to be quiet, patient, and to stand aside. Too many parents don't want to stand aside. The hardest thing for parents is to sit still among their children. They are for ever jumping up to show the children how to do things. There is no need to do this. They want to teach the child to draw. Children will learn how to draw by themselves if they are left alone. There is far too much domination in parenthood, too much interference with the child's development. This domination goes to such lengths in some families that the children are not allowed to contradict their parents, and they are not allowed opinions of their own. They are not even allowed to have a different religion from their parents. Children must be released to develop their own religious belief and their own way of worship. We must give children freedom of action, and the more freedom we give them the better citizens they will become. The trouble is we all want to be spoon-fed, and not to think for ourselves. Yet the great joy of parenthood is to think out all the problems concerning the children."

Declining Birth-Rate.

Mr. J. J. Mallon, warden of Toynbee Hall, dealt with the father's problems. He referred to the decrease in the birth-rate, and said that 1927 there would be a real shortage of young people for industrial work. This was one of the problems which the industrial world would be obliged to face in the near future. "A great deal is said about the dole," he added, "but a

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DIPLOMATIC STORM IN U.S.A.

SIR ESME HOWARD'S SON
IN A ROAD ACCIDENT.

QUESTION OF IMMUNITY.

New York, Jan. 9th.

A storm is threatened in Washington over a case of "diplomatic immunity," in which the British Ambassador, Sir Esme Howard, and his fourteen-year-old son Henry are concerned.

Sir Esme Howard's motor-car, driven by his son, knocked down Beatrice Deforest, a girl of twelve, on Saturday night as she was alighting from a tramcar in Washington. She was severely injured about the head.

Release.

The chauffeur sat beside Henry Howard, and Sir Esme and Lady Isabella Howard were on the rear seat.

Sir Esme secured Henry's release, pleading diplomatic immunity, although his son is two years younger than the minimum age limit in Washington for motor-car drivers.

It is stated that Mr. J. S. Deforest, paymaster in the Government weather bureau, the father of the girl, desires to report the facts to the State Department. The incident may produce a debate in Congress, where a number of members have recently expressed dissatisfaction at the "blanket immunity" allowed to diplomats' families.

Sir Esme Howard sent flowers to the injured girl yesterday, and called to inquire about her condition, offering to do everything possible for her.

Senator Coleman Blease, of South Carolina, speaking in the Senate to-day, declared that foreign diplomats were "violating American laws at will" under the protection of diplomatic immunity. He urged the Senate Judiciary Committee to act on a resolution he recently introduced abrogating diplomatic immunity.

What Immunity Means.

International law on diplomatic immunity is perfectly clear that an Ambassador is not subject to the laws of the country to which he is accredited, and that this privilege extends to his suite and his servants.

The position is not so clear in regard to the family of an Ambassador.

The son of the then Brazilian Ambassador in England was fined £15 and his licence was endorsed in July 1922 for driving a motor-car to the public danger in Maidenhead High-street. A claim to diplomatic immunity was not upheld by the magistrate on the ground that the son's name was not on the list of those who were entitled to claim the privilege.

Mr. Justice McCordie, however, in a case in the King's Bench Division in October 1922, ruled that an Ambassador's judicial immunity extended to his family, suite, and servants.

ENGLISH FAMILY LIFE.

PARENTAL NEGLECT.

A HEADMASTER'S WARNING.

A grave warning on the decay of family life was uttered by Mr. M. L. Jacks, headmaster of Mill-Hill School, in a paper he read to members of the Education Guild of Great Britain and Ireland at the Educational Association's conference at University College, London.

Small families, due to economic pressure, and accelerated by housing difficulties and the difficulty of obtaining domestic servants, had resulted in a decline in the kind of home life which existed when families of five, six, or seven children were not regarded as large.

"Negligence" at home led to lack of respect for parents. "The boy of 14, instead of going to church with his parents on Sunday morning, goes off with his father—the boy driving—to a neighbouring golf course and beats his father there, which from no point of view is particularly good for the boy."

Sex instruction ought to be given by the father, but was nearly always given by the schoolmaster. Religious instruction was also a matter for the home. Of a class of twenty-two boys, only two had heard of Elijah. The remedy lay in the homes themselves, and it was, perhaps, possible that the schools, by definitely refusing to usurp any of the parents' functions, could do much to help the homes.

very large proportion of which is said is utter foolishness. Those who live among the working classes know that a miracle has happened. It means that in times of adversity the home is not broken up. It means that those who are thrown out of work through no fault of their own, and their dependents, are not allowed to suffer.

WOMAN'S SPIDER COLONY.

SPINNING SILK TO MARK LENSES.

THREADS SPLIT UP BY GIRLS.

In the Surrey village of Tatsfield, near Westerham, a woman keeps a colony of spiders which spin silk for use in scientific instruments.

She is Miss F. Watts, sister of Mr. George William Watts, head of Messrs. E. R. Watts and Son, Limited, scientific instrument makers, of Cumberwell-road, S.E. Mr. Watts told a reporter that nothing is so suitable as the silken thread spun by the spider for fixing the centre of lenses in microscopes, range-finders, and other delicate instruments.

Finer Than a Scratch.

Even the scratch of a diamond, which most nearly approaches the geometrical definition of a line—length without breadth—is thick by comparison. He added:

For many years we have been using these spider silk threads, and we used to keep a colony of spiders at the back of the works. Now the collection of the threads has been taken up by my sister, who keeps the spiders in the garden. The threads are wound on a card from which the centre has been cut. Once the thread has been caught the spider will go on spinning almost indefinitely. The threads consist of minute jets of liquid squirted from the gland of the spider, which solidify on exposure to air.

For some instruments even the thread spun by the spider—itsself hardly visible—is too thick and has to be split into four sections. This task, carried out under a magnifying glass, requires remarkable steadiness of hand and is done by skilled girls, who also place the threads in position in the lenses. The threads last for years without renewal, but in the tropics some scientists insist on diamond lines. This work is also done by girls, who are steadier than men.

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VAIN CALL FOR GIRLS.

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A curious situation has arisen, says the *Observer*, through shortage of labour at the factory of Messrs. Bernheimer Gut and Co., manufacturers of ladies' wear in artificial silk, Brixton Hill, London. Unless fifty girls with experience as overlookers, power machinists, and lock stitchers are found within three weeks, applications will be made to the Home Office for permission to import French and Swiss workers.

The new factory was opened recently by Sir Walter Greaves Lord, K.C., M.P. Recorder of Manchester, who stated that immediate employment would be found for fifty girls. The factory, which is situated extensively, applied for all the local labour exchanges, and circulated the technical schools of South London, and the result up to Saturday was one applicant. Workers can earn from £2 to £3 per week.

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MARTYRED DOCTOR'S HEROISM.

MYSTERY DISEASE ON WHICH HE IS AN EXPERT.

LIVING DEATH.

NERVES—SEVERED TO AID SCIENCE.

A world-famous neurologist, who is one of the most heroic of martyrs to medical research, is now the helpless victim of a mysterious and insidious disease on which he is possibly the greatest living authority.

He is Sir Henry Hoad, who has made some of the most important contributions of modern times to the knowledge of nervous disorders, and is also celebrated in medical history as the voluntary subject of one of the most fearsome experiments that has ever been made in the cause of scientific progress.

The incurable disease from which he is suffering—a form of creeping paralysis—is one of which he has made a life study.

First Symptoms.

Sir Henry retired from practice and threw up his many distinguished appointments about eighteen months ago, when the first symptoms of the disease appeared, and he has lived since at Forth House, his country home, about five miles from Dorchester.

A nurse is in constant attendance, and a young specialist, who is one of Sir Henry's old pupils, frequently goes down from London to consult with the patient on the treatment of the disease.

Sir Henry is able to walk, although with some difficulty, and he often goes for long drives through the country, but he has lost the use of his fingers, and cannot write.

Medical men from all parts of the world still correspond with him on obscure problems of neurology, and Sir Henry dictates his replies to his wife.

Nearly twenty years ago Sir Henry deliberately risked contracting paralysis, by a dangerous experiment he undertook in the cause of medical research.

He had the nerves of his left arm severed near the elbow, for the purpose of studying, by personal experience, the problem of "deep sensibility."

Dr. Head prepared himself specially for the sacrifice. He neither smoked nor drank alcoholic liquors, and lived a life of rigorous self-denial.

Noble Action.

A fellow practitioner said that the action of Dr. Head was worthy to rank with the noblest ever recorded in the annals of science.

When the sacrifice was made leading nerve specialists in the country watched the case, and were able to acquire new knowledge of the way in which messages are conveyed through the nerves to the brain. Accidents in which these nerves have been severed have, moreover, since received more effective treatment than ever before in the history of surgery.

The disease which is now afflicting Sir Henry Hoad is a rare disorder known as "Parkinson's disease." It was discovered one hundred years ago, and can be caused by adhesion of the nerves, but Lady Head will not believe that her husband's illness is attributable to his experiment.

"His arm healed up perfectly," she said. "I think the disease must have been brought on by overwork. It is incurable, but it does not attack life. My husband, of course, is only too familiar with every phase of the disease."

"He often remarks how easy it was for him to tell patients who used to be sent to him with the disease that they must resign themselves to sleeplessness, and that they must bear this and put up with that. He is sorry now that he could not quite appreciate how hard life was for them."

ROYALTY AND MR. SHAW.

SWEDISH PRINCE IN "ARMS AND THE MAN."

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 14th. Yesterday, Prince Sigvard, second son of Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf and the late Crown Princess Margaret of Connaught, appeared publicly on the stage in the old Swedish university town of Uppsala before a distinguished audience, including the Crown Prince and Princess Ingrid, in Shaw's "Arms and the Man." The Prince played the part of Bluntschli, and the public was delighted at the heretofore utterances against war, illusions, as well as at the Prince's fine acting. The other parts were allotted to young undergraduates, boys as well as girls—special mention should be made of Miss Zervy Jonsson as Raina—and they were all duly applauded.

Prince Sigvard, who is at present studying at the university, is an eager student of the dramatic art, and has already appeared several times on the stage.

TREASURE ON THE MOUNTAIN.

HIDDEN BY THE SON OF SOLOMON AND QUEEN OF SHEBA!

STRANGE STORY.

A remarkable story of treasure, believed to have been buried on the slopes of Kilimanjaro by King Menelik, Negus of Shoa, and the Queen of Sheba, is revealed in a letter from Mr. P. J. Sinclair, of Marangu, Moshi district, Tanganyika territory.

Mr. Sinclair's story is based on the traditional beliefs of the Abyssinians.

"The Abyssinians believe," writes Mr. Sinclair, "that the first Menelik, Negus of Shoa, came down and conquered the whole of this country, and he brought the whole of his army to the slopes of Kilimanjaro, and there he felt his time had come. He ascended the mountain with all his generals, officers and slaves, carrying his treasure, which consisted of stones and gold, and Solomon's ring, which he had on his finger."

"They saw him reach the snow-line on the summit, where clouds hid the view. In the evening the generals and officers came back without the king, who they stated, had been left by his own orders in the crater on the summit. They then went back to Abyssinia."

"There is a general belief to-day that a king will eventually arise who will possess the old king's spirit, and who will reconquer this country, which they still call Ethiopia."

The Only Treasure.

Miss Sheila MacDonald, a 22-year-old London girl, who has climbed Kilimanjaro, told the *Evening Standard* representative to-day that she had not heard of the story. "I climbed Kilimanjaro in July of this year," said Miss MacDonald, "but I certainly did not look for any buried treasure. I did not know that there was any rumour of any being there."

"The only treasure I know of on Kilimanjaro is an empty wine bottle, which we left with a message attached to it recording that we had climbed to the summit."

A London man who knows the country well, however, told the *Evening Standard* that he had

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HOLLYWOOD OF ENGLAND.

FILM STUDIOS AND AERO-CLUB.

HOTEL WITH 150 ROOMS.

Elstree, the Hertfordshire village where some time ago the film studios of British National (now British International) Pictures were built, may soon be called Hollywood, England. So Mr. L. Blattner, who hopes to bring about the change, has announced.

Mr. Blattner said he has acquired options on 400 acres of land at Elstree, between Boreham Wood and Radlett, where he proposes to erect several new film studios, 300 ft. by 100 ft., and 500 ft. by 100 ft. One of these, he states, he will use himself, and rent to other producers. He also announces that he proposes to build at Elstree:

An hotel with 150 bedrooms.

A cinema for "trying out" films, with 1,000 seats.

An aero-club with a landing ground.

A hospital.

Houses.

The land on which Mr. Blattner has secured an option includes the Ideal Studios, which he thinks of preserving and using as administrative offices.

Finance Of The Scheme.

(He is attempting to get the L.M.S. Railway to agree to change the name of the station at Elstree, Hollywood. British International Pictures have already agreed to the change of name for general postal purposes.)

Asked who was financing this gigantic scheme, Mr. Blattner replied that at the moment he is financing it himself, but that soon he hopes it will be possible to make a statement revealing the names of other interested parties.

The production of films is contemplated as part of the projected enterprise. Mr. Blattner, hitherto known as a Manchester cinema proprietor, recently acquired an option on the film rights of Dr. Lion Feuchtwanger's novel "Jew Süss."

heard of the story of King Menelik.

"I believe that there is also a tradition," he said, "that Menelik's spirit still haunts the slopes of Kilimanjaro, and that throughout the ages he has been on guard over his treasure."

WORLD BANKRUPTCY A POSSIBILITY.

SIR GEORGE PAISH'S FOREBODINGS.

NOT ON THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY, HE CLAIMS.

Sir George Paish, speaking in the Chartered Accountants Hall, Manchester, on the "Road to Prosperity" expressed grave alarm at the economic condition of the world. "It is almost impossible to realize the fact," he said, "but there is danger of world bankruptcy—danger of every bank in the world failing, including British banks. That is the real truth about the situation."

We must get out of this situation in which the war and the policy of the statesmen has placed us, said Sir George, otherwise we shall have starvation, poverty, and disease. "We have got to face the fact. The statesmen of the world have not been supposed to know anything about world economics in the past, and we have not chosen statesmen who had that knowledge."

Reparations, Russia, and Tariffs. "We were insisting to-day that Germany should sell vast quantities of goods for reparation purposes, and the effect was to reduce the prices of those goods. Our statesmen were saying nothing about this matter. Yet it was doing immense injury to all of us—Germany, France, Great Britain, and all recipients."

Take the question of Russia. What were we doing to re-establish Russia? Our Government was doing nothing, and was opposed to doing anything. Yet Russia before the war supplied Europe with a very large proportion of its food-stuffs, and took manufactured goods in exchange. The result of our Government's policy was that she had now to try to sell in the world's markets, and was thus helping to drive down prices."

Is American Prosperity Solid? In closing, Sir George said that American prosperity was only accidental. It was not permanent. It was due to the creation of an enormous amount of credit possible because during the war and shortly after, European nations could not pay for their goods except in gold. America was creating credit by means of her great stock of gold. But already the gold in America only represented about 6 per cent. to the total deposits in the banks, and the margin left which would enable further credit to be created was limited. Certainly, he did not think it would go on for more than another eighteen months. America was in a tight place, and knew it. And unless the right measures were taken the greatest experts believed that nothing could prevent a world financial breakdown.

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VAST REFUGEE COLONY.

8. AMERICAN PLAN FOR RUSSIAN EXILES.

250,000 HOMELESS.

A vast fertile tract of land in Bolivia is to be used for a great settlement scheme to solve the problem of the 250,000 unemployed Russian and Armenian refugees who are scattered in European countries and in China and Syria. The League of Nations and the International Labour Office are promoting the scheme, and are seeking financial assistance from the Governments of the various countries, who are now having to provide a total annual sum of \$2,000,000 for the maintenance of the destitute refugees in their territories.

A British colonisation company which holds a concession under the Bolivian Government of 20,000,000 acres of arable and forest land in one of the richest and least developed areas in the South American continent is ready to receive the refugee settlers.

170-Acre Plots.

Every European family arriving in the settlement is to be procured a plot of 170 acres—the size of which may be selected by the emigrants—and provided with the agricultural implements required for its development, as well as with food for the first six months.

Rubber, cotton, tobacco, and other crops can all be grown very cheaply, and the concession also includes vast forests with various species of resinous trees, and stretches of grazing land ready for exploitation.

Every family or group must include at least five persons, one of whom must be a capable agriculturist.

The League of Nations is now seeking detailed information from the Governments concerned of the number of refugees on their territories whom they wish to transfer, and what financial assistance they are prepared to give to the emigration scheme.

It is expected that the first batch of emigrants will leave for Bolivia in March.

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OPIUM DENS IN TIENTSIN.

SPRING UP LIKE MUSH-
ROOMS.

RESULT OF "PROHIBITION."

Tientsin, Jan. 15th.
The Garrison Commissioner of Tientsin, in an official despatch to the so-called Opium Prohibition Bureau states that since the establishment of the "opium prohibition bureau," opium-smoking dens have sprung up in every street of the native city of Tientsin after the payment of the necessary licence fees to the authorities.

Under the pretext of smoking opium, says the despatch, bad characters conceal themselves in these opium dens for mischievous purposes, though officially these opium houses are intended for the gradual suppression of the dangerous habit among the smokers. Hence, in view of the war situation and the existence of martial law in Tientsin, the Commissioner orders every opium den to send in a list of its employees to him for reference, so that detectives may examine them whenever they visit these dens for inspection once or twice a day with a view to preventing the Communists and other dangerous radicals from hiding therein to plot anti-Government disturbances.

Revenue From Licences.

In this connection, the *Tientsin* states that the "opium prohibition bureau" is deriving a handsome income every month from licence fees as there are now numerous opium dens in the native city where smokers can freely enjoy the drug after paying a fee of one dollar for one ounce of prepared opium (equals ten dollars for one ounce) without the slightest restriction while new "opium prohibition dens" are springing up like mushrooms in all directions. Raw opium from outside districts is also heavily taxed when it is produced by farmers, otherwise the drug is liable to seizure by the authorities. One mou of opium field is being taxed 6 or 8 dollars.—A.N.A.

10 YEARS' SENTENCE FOR WOMAN OF 60.

IN HER OWN INTEREST.

DAUGHTER KILLED BY
NEGLECT.

A woman of 60 who was stated by the prison doctor to have the mentality of a child of six years and a half was at the Old Bailey sentenced by Justice Talbot to ten years' penal servitude for the manslaughter by neglect of her daughter, aged 40.

Before the case was opened a jury was empanelled to decide whether the woman, Susan Eliza Turner, a charwoman, of Elsted-street, Walworth, S.E., was fit to take her trial.

Dr. J. M. Morton, governor and medical officer of Holloway Prison, said that Turner was unable to answer simple questions. She had to count her fingers before she could say how many she had on her hand. She could not read or write and she did not know the date or the year. She knew there were twelve pennies in a shilling, but she did not know half a crown or how many shillings went to the pound.

He considered she was an imbecile and unfit to take an intelligent interest in her trial.

Mr. F. Sharp, defending, said he had been instructed by Turner to contest Dr. Morton's opinion.

Dr. Morton agreed that a statement made by the woman showed nothing inconsistent with a normal state of mind.

The jury found that Turner was fit to plead, and when she was placed on her trial she pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Ten Months In A Room.

Mr. Gerald Dodson, prosecuting, said Turner and her daughter lived in one room. About ten months ago the daughter, who went out cleaning, disappeared, and there was no doubt she had been confined to the room.

Through neglect and the absence of medical attention the daughter became utterly helpless, and on November 6th, when Turner called in her landlady, Mrs. Walker, the daughter was unconscious. She died four days later in Southwark infirmary.

Turner was found guilty, and imposing sentence Mr. Justice Talbot said it was necessary in her own interest to sentence her to a long term. Her health, mentally and bodily, would be well looked after, and any special treatment she needed would be given.

The jury's action, he added, had made it impossible to send her to a criminal lunatic asylum, but that was probably where she would ultimately be sent.

PEKING ROUND UP OF REDS.

EXECUTION OF HSIN SHAO
CHING.

MANY OTHERS IMPRISONED.

Peking, January 30th.
According to the Chinese Press, Hsin Shao Ching, who was executed at Tien Chiao on Thursday morning for conducting communist propaganda aimed at the overthrow of the existing order, went to his death smiling and joking with the executioner.

He left the jail of the Military Court of the Ministry of Military Affairs at ten o'clock and was placed in a native cart with his hands bound behind his back. With mounted troops and armed police as guides the death cart slowly took its way through the principal streets of the city to Tien Chiao. The scene attracted an immense crowd of spectators, but this appeared to have little effect on the condemned prisoner. He sat erect and as he saw the surging mass of humanity that lined both sides of the streets, he began to shout "Long live the proletariat." He said that he was dying as a martyr and that he felt honoured in seeing so many people turn out to say farewell to him.

Activities At Canton.

According to a proclamation issued by the Ministry of Military Affairs setting forth the crime for which he was condemned to death, Hsin confessed that after he had been initiated into the Chinese Communist Party he was sent to Canton to serve in the political training department of the 6th Nationalist Army. He accompanied the anti-North expedition of Nanchang, and when that city fell into the hands of the South he was appointed secretary of the Communist Party.

He further admitted that he came to Peking at the order of Tzun Yi Jen, who had already been executed, for the purpose of proceeding to Suifu and other Ankuochun military areas to gather military information for the Southern army.

Eight Others Imprisoned.

In addition to the death sentence on Hsin, the court-martial of the Ministry of Military Affairs imposed jail terms of twelve years on seven other communists and sent the eighth to prison for eighteen months. All seven admitted they were members of the Communist Party, but denied that they had taken an active interest in its affairs. The man who received 18 months said that he repeatedly asked permission to resign but this was never granted.—Kuo Wen.

FENG BANS CHINESE CALENDAR.

ORDER TO GOVERNORS OF
THREE PROVINCES.CHINESE NEW YEAR
ABOLISHED.

PEKING, January 16th.

A message from Kaifeng reports that the Chinese calendar has been abolished by the order of Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang. The order was circulated to the Governors of three provinces that are under the complete jurisdiction of the Marshal, Kansu, Shensi and Honan and included the following regulations:—

(1) All records, letters, accounts, contracts and other legal writings shall be dated according to the foreign calendar.

(2) All the festivals, traditional ceremonies and other occasions which had been celebrated according to the old Chinese calendar shall be abolished or observed henceforth at the date of the foreign calendar, if necessary.

(3) Schools and other organizations are not allowed to grant vacations on the occasion of the Chinese New Year or any other holidays sanctioned by the old Chinese calendar.

(4) December 28th is fixed for House-cleaning.

(5) New Year days shall be celebrated according to the programme announced by the provincial authorities.

(6) Beginning from January 1st, old calendars are not allowed to be either published by themselves in pamphlets or printed along with the new calendar.—Kuo Wen.

WILFUL MURDER.

WOMAN'S CONTRADICTORY
STATEMENTS.MYSTERY OF A CURD
MAKERS DEATH.

The inquest into the death of a Chinese bean curd maker was concluded yesterday at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court before Mr. W. Schofield sitting as Coroner with a jury. The verdict was wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

It will be recalled that the deceased was killed on the night of November 27th, and according to the evidence of a Chinese woman living with the deceased at the time three armed robbers broke into the house and murdered him.

Inspector Lane, in his evidence, criticised the various statements given by the woman, pointing out that they were most contradictory. In one statement she said that she was attacked by a man who seized her by the throat to prevent her from calling for help. Later two men joined the assailant and went to the deceased's cubicle. The first assailant then left her to join the other two men. She took the opportunity to shout for help.

Inspector Lane added that at first she stated that she would not be able to recognise any of the robbers, but later she admitted that one of the assailants was the stepson of a neighbour.

After the woman was released from Police custody, she remained in Kowloon City for a week and then suddenly disappeared.

In reviewing the evidence, the Coroner said that a certain amount of suspicion was apparent, and that if the jury thought that any particular person was responsible for the crime, it would be their duty to return a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

The jury without retiring said that they had come to the decision that it was wilful murder perpetrated by some person or persons unknown.

EPIC YEAR IN AVIATION.

HOW BRITAIN HAS FORGED
AHEAD.

NEW RECORDS.

Six Transatlantic flights and the lowering of nine of the twenty-four principal world records; such were the achievements in aviation during 1927.

British aviators, who a year ago held not a single record, came to the fore once again. Captain Hubert Broad, the famous test pilot, captured the speed record for eight airplanes in a Tiger Moth at 188.4 miles an hour—an astounding feat for a machine fitted with an engine rated at only 22.30 horse-power.

Lady Bailey, Britain's premier woman air pilot, also lowered an official height record by piloting a two-seater light airplane to a height of some 17,000 feet.

The greatest triumph of the year was won by Flight-Lieutenant S. N. Webster, R.A.F., who brought back the Schneider Trophy to Britain after covering the triangular course of 218 miles at an average speed of nearly 292 miles an hour.

Prize Missed.

Britain has forged ahead, particularly in the design and construction of giant flying boats, four of which are now on an Empire tour.

Monoplanes have once more come into the limelight, largely in consequence of the achievements of the Schneider Trophy machines and of the Fokker air liners. The monoplane of to-day has lived down the evil reputation it acquired in the early days of the war, and is now the equal in speed and stability of the biplane, while it is undoubtedly the more economical type to maintain.

Captain Webster's feat, unfortunately, did not count as a speed record because he was not timed over the straight distances, and Italy has since taken the prize with a machine that was defeated by Captain Webster—at a speed of approximately five miles a minute.

Captain (now Colonel) Lindbergh was the first man to equal the feat of Alcock and Brown by a direct flight across the Atlantic Ocean, and he was followed by Lieutenant Chamberlain, Commander Byrd, and Mr. William Brock.

The lure of being the first aviators to cross the Atlantic from east to west and at unsuitable seasons cost many valuable lives, including those of two women and thirteen men.

The loss of life has been so heavy that the question of laying down conditions under which such flights might be permitted is being considered.

DEATH DUTIES LITIGATION.

CROWN'S DOUBLE CLAIM
CONTESTED.THE ESTATE OF THE LATE
MR. BELL-IRVING.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

At the Supreme Court yesterday, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, an appeal was heard on behalf of the administrator of the will of the late Mr. John Bell-Irving against a decision of the Hong Kong Estate Duty Commissioner with regard to the amount of duty to be paid following the death of Mrs. Bell-Irving, a member of the Jardine family whose husband had shortly predeceased her.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin was for appellant and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, for respondents.

Mr. Jenkin said that in 1884 Mr. John Bell-Irving, in contemplation of his marriage with Miss Isabella Thornton (later Isabella Bell-Irving) executed a deed of settlement whereby he settled Hong Kong shares then valued at \$30,000 and covenanted to pay over cash to the amount of \$20,000 to certain named trustees for the benefit of the parties as set out in the settlement.

The husband was to get the life income of this fund and the wife for life, and after that it was to go to such of the children appointed either jointly or by the survivor. In fact, no such appointment was made. In default of such appointment it was provided that the property would pass, on the death of the survivor, to be held in trust for the children in equal shares.

Double Claim On Estate.

The husband and wife lived together until July 30th, 1925, when the husband died, his widow following him within ten days. On the death of the husband, the local estate duty commissioner claimed estate duty on the principle value of the whole of the settlement funds and that was paid. Estate duty was also paid on the whole of the local estate in the sum of \$125,000.

The Crown on the death of the wife ten days later again claimed full estate duty upon these funds, which, Counsel submitted, was on the face of it extraordinarily hard if not clothed with some impropriety even if the law empowered the duty to be taken, which Counsel would submit it did not.

His Lordship remarked that there had been similar cases in the War when, at first, the Crown was strictly entitled to claim on death in action but later the Home law was amended in order to provide for an interval of, he thought, six months between, say, the death of father and son, before estate duty could be taken on the estate.

Referring to the annuity of \$2,000, Counsel stated that it was provided by the husband for the wife in a will and he would argue that it was charged on property situated outside the Colony and that no estate duty was payable in respect of it.

Counsel also stated that all property here and in Shanghai was bequeathed in the will to what the late Mr. John Bell-Irving termed his "foreign" trustees who were to convert it and transfer it to the general trustees. That trust had not yet been exhausted, there still being considerable property here and in Shanghai which had not been transferred.

His submission was that the annuity to the wife was charged upon the general estate as being the estate conveyed to the general trustees by the document quoted. Between the death of her husband and her own death, no proceeds of the local estate were transferred to the general trustees by the foreign trustees and therefore, whatsoever was due to be paid to that lady in that ten days would be derived solely from the estate then in the hands of the general trustees.

There was considerable legal argument, and Mr. Eldon Potter occupied most of the afternoon in dealing with various sections of the Ordinance and quoting authorities. After Mr. Potter had concluded his address, Mr. Jenkin briefly replied, and His Lordship announced that he would take the matter into consideration, and reserved his judgment.



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SAIGON RICE MARKET.

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The Compagnie de Commerce & de Navigation d'Extrême-Orient in their report dated Saigon, January 29th, state:—In spite of a very moderate demand from abroad, our market is very firm with an upward tendency.

The paddy holders are holding off in anticipation of higher prices so that the supply is very small and insufficient for the present needs.

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The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to January 15th, 1928, is 50,037 tons against 38,456 tons in 1927.

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CHINESE IN LONDON.

HOW THEY SPENT BOXING
DAY.

A correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, with a laudable but unusual curiosity spent a good part of Boxing Day finding out how the Chinese population of London spent the Christmas festival. Boxing Day at least ought to have appealed to them if properly translated, but not!

The Chinese (who writes) seemed to be taking a complete rest over Christmas, and there were absolutely no signs of festivities. Most of the little Chinese restaurants were shut until Tuesday, although, curiously enough, the Chinese shops mostly remained open. Still none of them did much business, and as a rule the proprietor had to be disturbed from an absorbing game of Mah Jong with friends in the back part of the shop. Even the new restaurant that has just been opened in Limehouse Causeway, away from the real Chinese street, and which exists largely upon tourists who come down East to get a thrill and mostly never discover the real China-town, was shut.

The Chinese population did not seem to have gone to join in festivities in other neighbouring quarters. Indeed the general opinion in the neighbourhood seemed to be that the Chinese, glad of a well-earned rest, simply spent sedately throughout the Christmas holidays.

CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA.

CLOSING BRANCHES AND CURTAILING BUSINESS.

WONG SHIU HUNG LEAVES FOR SWATOW.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

The Central Bank of China has decided to close down many of its branches and to curtail business in those that do remain open pending the settlement of the currency problem.

Since Chinese New Year, nearly 40 per cent. of the rice firms in the leading Rice Guild have decided to suspend business for the time being on account of the present dull trade and bad prospect for the future.

Following the lead of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, the Canton-Samshui Railway will charge an additional 10 per cent. on its rates, the money to be used for relief purposes.

General Wong Shiu Hung has left Canton for Swatow where he is to organise the defence of Kwangtung against the possible invasion from Kiangsi.

General Chen Ming Shu, the Cantonese leader of the Fukien forces, who has been in Swatow following his campaign against the "Ironsides" in the East River district, is being invited back to Canton by Li Tsai Hsin who has offered him the post of Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Council.

The rigid military vigilance on the vicinity of the forts around Bocca Tigris has been withdrawn.

Canton Authorities yesterday commanded two vessels for the transport of troops to Eastern Kwangtung, probably Swatow. They were reinforcements for General Wong Shiu Hung.

Mr. Hsu Chung Ching, Commissioner of Education in Canton, one of the most respected officials in the Government service, has returned to Canton, after a long holiday at Hong Kong. He has been persuaded not to resign his post.

Some \$15,000 in Straits currency has been received from the Chinese in Singapore through the Chinese Consulate there for relief purposes in Canton. Overseas Chinese have been remitting quite large sums to assist sufferers from the recent "Red" upheaval, but so far no definite policy has been announced as to how this money is to be used.

The Canton Authorities have received a ruling from the Nationalist Ministry of Justice, which upholds the principle of religious toleration as far as recognized Faiths are concerned, but gives power to local Governments to "regulate" certain acts like the Tung Shin Sha, or Common Charity Society, which is alleged to be more political than religious.

The Bureau of Agriculture and Labour has decided against the claim of the Chinese Seamen's Union to include lightermen within its jurisdiction. The lightermen used to have a union of their own, and they wish to continue to have one, but the present organisation is under a cloud because of the political associations of some of its members.

ST. ANDREW'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR REPORTED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Andrew's Church Young Men's Club which was held in the Church Hall yesterday evening, was attended by a fair number of the Club's members.

The Rev. W. W. Rogers presided and during the discussion on the Treasurer's report expressed satisfaction at the Club's financial position.

The officers were re-elected and it was decided to run the Annual Kowloon Marathon Race over the same course as usual on the first Monday in March which falls on March 15th. A board bearing the names of the Champions is to be placed in the Church Hall together with the respective times.

Mention was also made of the fact that although during the past year the Club was placed at the disposal of the Service men, with considerable response from the men, no financial loss had resulted.

It was agreed that a social should be held on Friday, March 3rd.

"SAN NAM HOI" PIRACY ECHO.

ENQUIRY AT MAGISTRACY.

JURY TO VISIT SHIP NEXT WEEK.

The piratical attack on the S.S. San Nam Hoi on January 17th after the vessel had left Pakhai for Kanchuk and as a result of which the Chief Officer, Mr. Harry Conway, and two Indian guards were shot, was recalled yesterday at the Central Magistracy when Major C. Willson held an enquiry into the deaths of the three persons mentioned.

The juryman empanelled were Messrs. A. H. Silva (Foreman), C. Savard, Remondis and Ung Yu Sang. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the owners of the vessel.

Opening the enquiry, his Worship briefly described the attack made on the ship. It was, he said, the duty of the jury to find whether or no proper precautions had been taken by the owners and master of the San Nam Hoi, and if they (the jury) wished at the conclusion of the enquiry to make any recommendations, they might do so.

The evidence was taken of Capt. W. N. Sparke and the Chief Engineer, Mr. M. F. Houghton, their account of the piracy being similar to that given by them to the Daily Press when the vessel returned here on January 18th.

Medical evidence by Dr. A. Canavan, who conducted post-mortem examinations on the three deceased was corroborated by photographs showing the different wounds. Several bullets, which had been extracted from the dead bodies, were also produced.

From the body of Mr. Harry Conway, one bullet, which was lodged on the right side of the heart, was produced. It was very much flattened and bore blood stains. This deceased was 56 years of age and his health was good in so far as was consistent with obesity. The primary cause of death was a bullet wound in the heart and internal haemorrhage.

One of the Indian guards, Sheik Undar, who was 40 years of age, was found to have multiple bullet wounds through the abdominal regions. Three bullets were extracted, one of which was a brass shot. This unfortunate man was also in good health at the time of death.

The various wounds on the other Indian, Muijara Khan, were described as "entrance and exit" wounds. These wounds entered from one side and came out by the other with the result that no bullet was found.

The enquiry was then adjourned until next Monday afternoon at 2.15. At two o'clock on the same day, His Worship and the jury will visit the San Nam Hoi.

AT THE "WORLD" CINEMA.

"GOING UP."

A FLYING COMEDY.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

If you saw "Going Up" as a revue in London during the war you will know most of the plot of the film which is showing to-day at the "World," and you will not be disappointed in the screen version. For it is possible on the screen to give far more than on the stage, although you miss the songs.

"Going Up" is the comedy of an air-ship young man, who, as the author of a best seller dealing with aeronautical adventures, is forced to pose as an expert and actually "go up" alone. The stunt flying which is a result of his complete ignorance of how to manipulate a plane is extraordinarily well done. We do not know how much of what we see on the screen is faked, but the illusion is excellent and you hold your breath with apprehension as again and again disaster seems inevitable. We do not remember ever having seen on the films such a series of their breathless escapes or such amusing air adventures.

The story opens rather too slowly, but when the flying begins no one could ask for anything better. We certainly recommend you to visit the "World" to-day.

CLAIM FOR WAGES.

LOCAL SHIPPING COMPANY SUED.

RIVER STEAMER'S CATERER WINS HIS CASE.

At the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Tsang Su, of 31, Des Vaux Road Central, third floor, sued the Tung Yick Company, 23, Connaught Road West, second floor, shipping merchants, for \$300.03, which he claimed as wages due.

Giving evidence, plaintiff said that he was suing on behalf of himself and other men whom he had employed on the Po Tai, a river steamer. He was engaged, he said, on articles of \$30 a month, and he also engaged 15 other men.

It was stated by Mr. W. D. Owen, who appeared for the charterers, that the ship was damaged and eventually stopped running and that the plaintiff was discharged from the ship when it was laid up.

It was further stated that plaintiff went back the following day and it was given in evidence that he was requested to do so.

Plaintiff said that he was asked to return by the manager of the Company, a man whom Mr. Owen stated he was unable to get to give evidence in the case. Plaintiff also stated that he was told to bring back the men whom he employed. The ship was laid up in September and was still laid up.

Mr. G. W. Coys (Deputy Shipping Master) produced the articles mentioned and said that they were still valid. When the crew were discharged, it was a regular custom to sign off, but these men had never signed off. The only way in which a contract could be called off was by desertion, which made no difference whether a ship was running or in dock.

His Lordship held that plaintiff's pay was still running and that he was not discharged, as he had not signed off.

Mr. Owen pointed out that he was for the charterers and that the charterers were not responsible, as he stated there was no contract. The treasurer of the defendant Company giving evidence, said that the manager had asked the plaintiff to come back with his men, but no question of wages was raised. Nothing was said about wages, and it was understood that the plaintiff was more or less to be paid by the profit made on the catering (plaintiff had stated previously that he was catering for the boat).

Wages Or Catering Profit? His Lordship commented that the ship was running when plaintiff commenced the contract, on August 24th, 1925. This contract was made with the defendant company. Under that contract, plaintiff was to receive a certain sum per month, for himself and for 15 others whom he was empowered to employ. It was arranged that he should make a profit out of the catering. That contract ran for about a month, and then the ship was laid up and the contract expired. The question was whether a new contract had supervened. Plaintiff had said that a new contract had supervened, and it was on this new contract that he was suing, whatever that contract might be. There was no doubt, continued His Lordship, that under that contract he had to remain on board to perform certain duties, and also that he had done so at the request of the defendant firm. Therefore, it was under arrangement with the defendant firm that he was there. The only question was whether, under the terms of that arrangement, plaintiff was to receive wages. The plaintiff had said that the wages he was to receive were set out in the articles.

Plaintiff's Story Accepted. The reason why His Lordship thought he should accept the story of plaintiff was because the articles were after the charterers came into existence, and according to the witness they were made on the understanding that the amounts claimed under the articles should be paid by the charterers. That was the understanding of the terms of the contracts existing between the crew and the charterers.

Mr. Owen said, on behalf of the charterers, that he could not get the manager of the defendant Company to give evidence, as he was not in the Colony.

His Lordship remarked that that was Mr. Owen's misfortune. His Lordship announced that he must find for the plaintiff for \$36.77, and costs.

A SECOND CASE. A second case in which Leung King, of 839, Canton Road, Yau-mat, sued the Tung Yick Company of 23, Connaught Road West, for \$418.85, being the balance of wages due (the total being \$1,293.34, of which he had received \$873.85) was commenced, but was adjourned until tomorrow.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

ARDENT ZIONIST AND THE "REDS."

NOW A VAGRANT HERE.

SEVEN CHINESE FROM ONE HOUSE FINED.

[By R. E. PORTER.]

Yesterday a young Russian Jew, who was charged under the Vagrancy Act, was described as an ardent Zionist, who had incurred the displeasure of the "Red" Russians at Minsk and been banished. Further details of this young man's exploits are given below.

Firing crackers outside the permitted hours and places during Chinese New Year's holidays resulted in 34 Chinese being charged. Among them were seven men living in the same house.

The Indian constable who was charged with stealing a kid and a goat was fined and ordered to pay \$10 compensation for the meat.

AN ADVENTUROUS JEWISH LAD.

Izaak Erman, a young Russian Jew, was brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy for being in the Colony without visible means of subsistence.

The young Jew said that he was a political refugee. He was born in Minsk, and educated in the University there but being an ardent Zionist, he incurred the displeasure of the "Red" element. One day he and several others were rounded up by the "Reds" and exiled to Siberia. On the journey to Irkutsk, Izaak Erman made a bold dash for liberty by jumping out of the train and successfully eluding his pursuers.

After going through much hardship, he arrived at Harbin where he shipped to Shanghai. His intention was to get to Palestine but owing to lack of funds, he was compelled to break his journey here. The Police said that the Jewish Society at Shanghai would help Erman, if he could establish his bona fides. The Magistrate ordered that Erman be kept at the House of Detention for the time being.

FIRING CRACKERS.

Before the same Court, a large number of Chinese were charged with firing crackers during prohibited hours. The defendants pleaded guilty and 34 of them were fined \$1 each.

In another case seven tenants of the same house were charged with letting off crackers in a district proscribed by the regulations. It was explained to them that as their house was adjacent to the Naval Hospital where there are always sick people, the firing of crackers would be a nuisance.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on each defendant.

EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED BY HER COOK BOY.

A few days ago Mrs. Robertson, of 9, Lytleton Road, made a report to the Police that money and jewellery to the value of \$300 had been stolen from a locked box kept in her room.

Sergt. Kennear was sent to investigate. He searched the servant and found nothing, but in the coal cellar he discovered \$40 in money and the remainder of the jewellery. The theft was then traced to a cook-boy, who had been given one month's notice to leave.

The culprit was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and he was sentenced to three months' hard labour. The money and the jewellery recovered were returned to Mrs. Robertson.

EXPENSIVE GOAT'S MEAT.

The case in which an Indian constable was alleged to have stolen a goat and a kid belonging to an Indian watchman employed by the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., was concluded before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Mr. S. S. Chowdhury appeared for the defendant and Mr. L. D. Turner prosecuted.

The Indian constable was found guilty, fined \$25, and also ordered to pay \$10 to the complainant for the kid which he had eaten.

HEALTHY AND LAZY.

Having been convicted on two previous occasions for the same offence a Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy, with selling water-cress without a licence. He was fined \$10 with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment.

The defendant told the Court that he had to support a wife and family, and asked to be recommended for a licence gratis. His Worship refused, remarking that a healthy and robust man should be able to find other means to support his family. (Continued on next column.)

PIRACY AND KIDNAPPING.

JUNK MISTRESS'S STORY.

SENT TO RAISE RANSOM FOR RELATIVES.

An extraordinary story of a piracy and the kidnapping of the occupants of a cargo boat has been related to the police by Liu Kin, the mistress of the vessel involved.

According to the woman, the boat which was on a voyage from Hong Kong to Toi Shan in Chinese territory with about 400 piculs of general cargo was fired at by a pirate craft on the morning of January 8th when off Chungshanshi Island about 8 miles west of Fantau Point and compelled to stop. The pirates boarded the boat, took charge and imprisoned the woman, her three children, her father-in-law and two members of the crew in the hold. Four days later the junk stopped off a place where the woman is unable to identify, and the prisoners were then transferred to a hut on the hillside where they remained prisoners.

About midnight on January 23rd, the pirates blindfolded the junk mistress and forced her to march with them over the hills for about an hour and a half. They then gave her \$1 and told her to return to Hong Kong and raise money for the ransom of the other prisoners.

After wandering about for a whole day, the junk mistress reached the sea and succeeded in hailing a Hong Kong boat which brought her to the Colony.

On releasing the woman, the pirates did not inform her the amount of ransom money required or where it was to be delivered.

RETURNED TO HELP IMPOVERISHED RELATIVES!

A banisher, a native of the Hoi Fung district, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with returning to the Colony before his term of exile had expired.

The defendant said that he was forced to return to the Colony because the whole village and his home were burnt and pillaged by the "Reds" in the recent upheaval and he had come to help his relatives. On looking up the defendant's record it was found that the offence for which he had been banished was not recorded.

A subsequent message from the Finger Prints Office, however, revealed the fact that the defendant was banished under the Opium Ordinance.

A 24 hours' remand was granted for the Police to procure defendant's record.

HOUSE NOT AN ABATTOIR.

Two Chinese butchers, Lo Fook and Lee Chuen, residing at 105 and 110, Main Street, Kowloon City, were charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with slaughtering pigs at their residence. The defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 each.

A WATCHMAN'S LAPSE.

For stealing a pair of binoculars belonging to Mr. F. C. Wheeler, a private Chinese watchman employed by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Inspector H. H. stated that the defendant had been employed by the Company for the past 12 years and bore a good character. The binoculars were missing on Saturday morning and upon investigation it was found that they had been pawned by the defendant under an assumed name.

The defendant pleaded guilty stating that he took the binoculars because he was badly in need of funds.

In view of the man's good character and long service his Worship allowed him the option of a fine of \$25 with the alternative of one month's hard labour.

THE FU TAU MUN JUNK PIRACY.

Further evidence was taken by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy in connection with the charge against four Chinese of pirating a cargo junk at Fu Tau Mun on January 25th.

A Chinese cargo carrier said that he was a passenger on the junk from Shamshu. He had with him ten piculs of fresh vegetables, which he was taking to Hong Kong for sale.

He did not see the robbers board the junk as he was then in the hold. He was first aware of their presence when two armed men held him up. He was then taken on deck where his suit of clothes and his vegetables were taken away from him. He could identify the first and second defendants.

The case was then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

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L. M. WHITE,
Hon. Secretary.
[5944]

GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS for SPECIE and MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the London Commission of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the sum of £20,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, until 11 O'CLOCK A.M. on the 2nd FEBRUARY, 1928.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount (in Pounds Sterling), No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100. The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved. Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

"Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Acts 23 George III, Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 52, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills)."

"The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company."

H. G. KILEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.F.C.,
His Majesty's Treasury Chest Officer,
Hong Kong. [5843]

NOTICE.

THIS is to announce that, with the approval of the Western Australian Government and South Australian Government, we have been appointed by the WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SANDALWOOD MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, LTD., and the CO-OPERATIVE SANDALWOOD CO., LTD., of South Australia, their SOLE AGENTS in Hong Kong and China for the Distribution of Sandalwood to be exported from Western Australia and South Australia.

THE KWONG SHING CHEONG SANDALWOOD ASSOCIATION, LIMITED. [5829]

NOTICE.

MONIES up to \$100,000 are Available for Investment on 1st Class Mortgage Security subject to a Trustee Valuation.

Apply—Messrs. DEACONS, Finance's Buildings.
[5791]

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 6th Day of FEBRUARY, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency THE GOVERNOR, of Three Lots of CROWN LAND at Prince Edward Road, Ma Tau Wei in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Green Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acreage	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2087	As per sale plan	708	\$2,500
2	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2088	As per sale plan	414	\$1,500
3	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2089	As per sale plan	188	\$500

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

OHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 6th Floor, PRINCE BUILDING, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 6th Day of FEBRUARY, 1928, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended December 31st, 1927, to confirm the appointment of Three Directors, and to elect Two Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1928, to MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, Jan. 25th, 1928. [5807]

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on TUESDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th JANUARY to 7th FEBRUARY, 1928, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
[5803]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 8th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY to FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1928. [5808]

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

REMINDER.

ENTRIES CLOSE on SATURDAY NEXT, 4th FEBRUARY, at NOON. [5839]

OLD HAILEYBURIANS.

A DINNER will be held at THE HONG KONG HOTEL on SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY at 8 P.M.

Will those proposing to attend please communicate with
C. BLAKER,
c/o GILMAN & Co., LTD.
[5823]

THE "SAN-FAN CIRCUS."

"SAN-FAN" CIRCUS, Returning from AMERICA, are Giving SHOWS at PRAYA EAST RECLAMATION AREA to Commence from 23rd JANUARY, the "CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY."

Expert European Bandmen and Dancing Girls have been employed.

PRICES.

1st Class	\$2.00
2nd	\$1.20
3rd	\$0.50

TIME TABLE.

HOLIDAY SHOWS—
From 1.30 P.M. to 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

NIGHTLY SHOWS—
From 7.30 P.M. to 10.30 P.M. [5799]

TO LET—From First FEBRUARY, No. 2, KELLET HOUSE, PEAK, Four Rooms, Finish System, Separate Kitchen, Servants' Quarters. All Modern Conveniences. Apply DEACONS, Finance's Buildings. [5802]

TO LET—WEST LODGE, No. 10, MAGANER GAY ROAD, Apply—CORNELL, c/o PALMER & TURNER. [5804]

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HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th FEBRUARY.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' BADGES of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. LIVINGSTON & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LIVINGSTON & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1928, at a Cost of \$10 Each Per Day or \$30 for the Meeting. The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for the Admission of Two Ladies Free of Charge. On no pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the First Three Days Racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, Price: \$3 Per Day for all Persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 Per Day.

Admission by Ticket only. Bookmakers, Ticket Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Race Meeting. Closes during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. LIVINGSTON & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their Names on the Passes. Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stables.

Any Persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary. [5826]

TO LET.

FROM 1st MAY for 6 Months "KIEK-UT" STUBBS ROAD, Eight Rooms, Fully Furnished and Garage. Apply Box 5837, c/o Hong Kong Daily Press. [5837]

TO LET.

A FLAT in CANNAN TOW BUILDINGS Kowloon. Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD., ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. [5817]

TO LET—For 8 Months from 3rd MARCH, on the PEAK within Easy Reach of Tram Terminus, Six-roomed HOUSE with Verandah, Cool and Breezy, Excellent View. Well furnished and Modern Sanitation. Use of Car may be arranged. Apply Box 5739, c/o Hong Kong Daily Press. [5739]

Hong Kong Office: 11, Ice House Street.
London Office: 21, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C. 4.

The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1928

FUTURE OF BRITISH RAILWAYS.

CHANGES of far reaching importance in the levying of rates and charges on British railways came into operation at the New Year. A fresh epoch may now be registered in the history of this form of traffic, for the 1st of January was the "Appointed Day" of the Railways Act, 1921, which is responsible for the full and complete reorganisation of the old system. Already there has been the amalgamation of all the various railways of England, Scotland, and Wales into four main groups. The Railway Rates Tribunal has been engaged in fixing the rates and charges that shall be made for the carriage of merchandise, and the terms and conditions that may be imposed. Passengers' fares, also, come within the scope of the new departure.

For six years experts representing various interests have been hard at work. They have had to make a complete revision of the

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classification of merchandise. The claims of all and each of these interests to consideration have been argued before the Tribunal. The railway companies, the traders of the country, and the manufacturers were heard in detail. The result is that all merchandise which is or can be carried by rail has been put into its own particular class in accordance with the value of the article to be conveyed, and the rates and charges applicable to each article have been determined under the authority of the Tribunal.

The main object of the Tribunal was to fix rates and charges so as to produce as far as possible what is called a "standard revenue." This standard is based on the earnings of the railways before the war. While the conflict lasted the Government controlled all the lines in the country. The movement of troops and the transport of supplies both for military purposes and the sustenance of the civilian population were of paramount importance. The revenues were secured by the State. But after the war there was a new appreciation of values. Pre-war charges were inapplicable because working expenses had increased. Something had to be done when the lines reverted to private management. The grouping of the various systems in order to reduce costs and eliminate cut-throat competition and over-lapping of services was one solution; a complete revision of rates based on the net revenue of 1913 was another.

Thus the standard revenue was ultimately arrived at. At the end of 1927 there will be a review of the whole matter. If it is, then found that the companies have made a larger profit than was anticipated

by the Tribunal the additional profit will be divided so that 50 per cent. will be retained by the companies and 50 per cent. will be used to reduce the rates and charges for the carriage of merchandise.

The way this enormous problem has been tackled is characteristically British. The aim is to do justice as between the legitimate demands of the railway companies on the one hand, sorely driven to make receipts balance expenditure and leave a margin for the shareholders, and, on the other hand the claims of the public at large. The task has proceeded very quietly and smoothly, the Railway Rates Tribunal acting as a semi-judicial body. It has taken six years to arrive at a conclusion of the whole matter, and care has been exercised to leave the door open for a revision of the standard revenue in the light of experience of the new arrangement. In the transport world, so far as the term applies to rail transport, the change both for the companies and for passengers and traders is one of great magnitude. The future will be watched with keen interest at home and abroad.

SELF-HELP.

"If I have worked, however feebly, to get into people's heads that their salvation lies with themselves, I shall not have lived in vain." Thus spake the Prime Minister to his own people at Worcester in the course of a protest against the prevalent habit of thinking that "if things are not going right, people should run to the Government." Mr. Baldwin believes that there is a new spirit abroad and that people are learning that, if they cannot help themselves, it is little that others can do for them.

The Prime Minister reminded the country that there is not a great deal that can be done by legislation in any direction. It could here and there help to clear the path for private effort; but it could not supply the driving-power without which the most favourable conditions are in vain. Mr. Baldwin insisted that when a Government attempted to "put things right, they generally make more mess than ordinary people," and for this obvious reason—that more is expected of them, and therefore they attempt too much. They inevitably find themselves engaged in the hopeless task of producing rabbits out of a hat.

Ladies' Night will be held at the European Y.M.C.A. this evening.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. announce that cable communication with Macao has been restored.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society will be held at 12.15 to-day at the City Hall.

The annual general meeting of the Navy League (Hong Kong Branch) will be held on Wednesday, February 8th, at 5.30 p.m.

The annual dinner of the Hong Kong Football Club will be held at Lane's Crawford's Restaurant on Saturday, February 11th, at 8 p.m.

On Tuesday another British case of enteric was reported from Victoria. Two Chinese cases, one of small-pox and one of diphtheria were also notified.

New classes in Cantonese commenced yesterday (Wednesday) at the Hong Kong University. Particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, Mr. W. B. Finnigan.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Samuel Frederick Butcher, builder, residing at No. 150, Woosung Street, Kowloon, and Miss Rose Leung Yuet Wah, of the same address.

A dinner will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel on Saturday, February 24th, at 8 p.m., for Old Haileyburians. Those proposing to attend, are asked to communicate with Mr. C. Blaker, c/o Gilman & Co., Ltd.

At the Supreme Court yesterday morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) an application was made for an extension of time to register a mortgage. The application was made by Mr. H. Somerset Pittroy on behalf of the Wing On Company. It was explained that the Company had carried on life insurance business for a considerable period and in connection with this certain deposits were replaced by the mortgage. An extension of eight days was granted.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Richard Charles Lee, student, residing at No. 74, Kennedy Road, and Miss Esther Yewpik Wong, student, residing at "Luguan Villa," Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

A man has been arrested following the complaint to the police of

a young Chinese girl of seventeen, who said that she was robbed at Kowloon City on Tuesday afternoon. Two Chinese set on her near the walled city and snatched a pair of bangles valued at \$30 from her wrists.

A musicale will be held at the Helena May on Thursday, February 8th, at 5.30 p.m. The following will be taking part:—Mrs. Womack, Mrs. Russell-Brown, Eng.-Lieut. Comdr. A. S. Bedells, R.N., Miss Acheson and Mrs. Hargreaves Browne. Teas may be had from 4 p.m., tables must be booked.—ADVT.

Commencing yesterday, the motor-bus service between Blake Pier and the University has been augmented so that during the busy hours of the day a 7-minute service is maintained. From 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; from 12 noon till 2 p.m., and from 4 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. this seven-and-a-half minute service will be in operation.

Three lots of Crown Land will be offered for sale at the Public Works Department offices on Monday next. The lots in question are at Prince Edward Road, Ma Tau Wei, and are on a lease of 75 years with the option of a renewal for a further period of 75 years. The area of the respective lots comprise 102,860 square feet, 60,000 square feet, and 23,040 square feet. The upset price is \$82,950, and the annual rentals in respect of each lot is \$708, \$414 and \$153.

A farewell tea-party was given at the Lusitano Club, Shammae, to Mr. F. E. da Silva, who is leaving Canton. The Club members and the Portuguese community expressed their appreciation of Mr. Silva's genuine character and personality, and their regret at his departure. The Portuguese Consul-General, Mr. Fernandes Costa, was also present. Silva was the recipient of a magnificent engraved silver cup from the staff of the International Savings Society, of which he was Manager for South China.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO EARL HAIG.

TO-MORROW MORNING AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

A memorial service for Earl Haig is to be held at 11 a.m. to-morrow in St. John's Cathedral.

The Bishop of Victoria (The Right Revd. C. R. Duppuy, D.D.) will deliver an address, and several Service Chaplains as well as the Cathedral clergy will take part.

Seats will be allotted to members of the Services and it is hoped that a number of the general public will also attend.

THE BOWEN ROAD FILTER BEDS.

DEMONSTRATION YESTERDAY.

The Paterson Engineering Co., by permission of the Water Authority gave a demonstration at the Bowen Road Filter Beds yesterday morning of their newly installed Rapid Gravity Filtration Plant. A general description of this plant was published in the Daily Press yesterday. The plant at Bowen Road is the first of its kind to be installed in the Colony, and it is much simpler to operate than the ordinary sand beds which means a big saving in time and expense. A similar plant which is being installed in connection with the Shing Mun Valley scheme on the mainland, will be capable of dealing with 5,000,000 gallons daily, while the plant at Bowen Road can deal with 3,000,000 gallons daily. At present the plant at Bowen Road is not working at full capacity, and is serving the district between Arden Road and the Sincere Company's stores. At yesterday's demonstration, press representatives were conducted over the plant by Mr. A. W. J. Simmons, of the P.W.D., and Mr. T. Buckle, who represented Paterson Engineering Company, London.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.50 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone over China is stationary. Strong to fresh monsoon wind is expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, moderate, cloudy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DANGEROUS DRIVING SUMMONS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The report of the Police case which appeared in your issue of yesterday under the above heading furnishes interesting reading, not only to motorists, but also to the general public; as a keen motorist I crave leave to make some observations in your columns upon your report.

From a careful perusal of the body of the report it appears to me that it does not support either the caption, or the summary at the beginning, of the report.

Motorists are of course familiar with Regulation 19, which reads as follows:—

"A driver shall not drive a vehicle... at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public having regard to all the circumstances of the case."

The case was therefore from the beginning to the end purely one of fact: did the defendant drive his car at a speed or in a manner which was dangerous to the public at the time in question?

The defence was a plain and straightforward one, namely, a plea of denial that the car was driven at a speed or in a manner which was dangerous to the public. There was absolutely nothing novel in this defence, which cannot fit the dubious compliment to the defending Solicitor of being characterized as "ingenious." On this clear issue of fact, the circumstance that the chasing vehicle was also being driven at a dangerous speed within the meaning of Regulation 19 was of course immaterial and irrelevant, and, as I read your report, this was clearly appreciated by the defence.

In Sergeant Clarke's evidence, which was clearly reported, he stated that the defendant's car was travelling at 25 m.p.h.

Sergeant Buckner, in his corroborative evidence, stated that the defendant's was going between 25 to 30 m.p.h.; that it had about 50 yards' start before the chasing vehicle—which was then at rest—began the chase, and that after the chase had begun in earnest, the defendant's lead had increased to a quarter of a mile at least.

It is thus obvious that even if the speed of the chasing vehicle (which had of course to be, considerably greater than that of the defendant's car in order to overtake the latter) was in fact dangerous, it does not follow that the speed of the defendant's car was necessarily dangerous. On the other hand, if the speed of the chasing vehicle was in fact not dangerous, it follows as a matter of common sense, and common justice, that the speed of the overtaken car could not be held to be in fact dangerous. (The validity of this argument rests upon the assumption, which I think is clearly sound, that there is no difference adversely to the defendant's car between his car and the cycle combination as regards their respective factors of safety, e.g. control, braking power, etc.)

Now, in answer to the defending Solicitor, Sergeant Buckner admitted that in his view the chasing vehicle was not being driven at a dangerous speed. The defending Solicitor thereupon submitted—in my view rightly submitted—to the Bench that there was no evidence on which the Court could find that the defendant was driving his car to the danger of the public. No one could imagine, and, as I read your report, the defence never claimed, that if the defendant's car was in fact driven at a dangerous speed, which is an offence under Regulation 19, the fact that the Police, in execution of their duties, also drove the chasing vehicle at a dangerous speed, could possibly furnish a valid defence. The Magistrate appears to have found against the defendant on the facts but I confess I find it a little difficult to appreciate on what evidence he so found. Did the Magistrate accept Sergeant Buckner's evidence that the speed of the chasing vehicle was not dangerous? If so, how could the slower speed of the overtaken vehicle be held to be dangerous?—Yours, etc.,

MOTORIST.

Hong Kong, Feb. 1st, 1928.

MARSHAL FENG CLAIMS BIG CAPTURE AT TSAOCHOW.

4,000 CHIHSHANTUNG TROOPS, 3,000 RIFLES, 20 GUNS AND A GENERAL.

WUHU'S COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS SUSPENDED.

NATIONALISTS STILL WRANGLING AS TO KWANGSI CLIQUE.

While vernacular newspapers state that Marshal Feng has not yet begun his new northern offensive and that Taining, in Southern Shantung, is still held by Shantung troops, *Reuter* announces that Feng's troops have now captured Tsaochow, after a month's siege, obtaining a large number of prisoners and a haul of arms and munitions. Feng also claimed to have captured a Northern general.

The Nationalists at Nanking are still doing their utmost to find means by which the Kwangsi clique may be represented at the 4th Kuomintang Conference, which Marshal Chiang and some of his colleagues evidently believe may yet be held.

Mr. T. A. M. Castle, Commissioner of Customs at Wuhu, has been suspended by the Nationalist Finance Ministry for alleged "usurpation of power" in wilfully releasing salt contrary to the Ministry's orders.

CAPTURE OF TSAOCHOW WUHU'S COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 1st. Feng, Yu Hsiang reports the capture of Tsaochow yesterday after a month's siege. He says that 4,000 Chihshantung troops, 3,000 rifles and 20 guns were captured; also General Chiang Ming Yui.

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MARSHAL FENG'S NEW OFFENSIVE.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 1st. Chinese circles assert that Feng Yu Hsiang's troops have not yet launched his general attack on the Fengtienese, although skirmishes are reported to have occurred in Southern Chihli.

The Toho News Agency reports that Feng's forces in Shantung now occupy Tsaochow, Tsinning, a strategic point in Southern Shantung, is still in the hands of Shantung troops, although previous reports pointed to the contrary.

HANKOW AGAIN DEFEATS HUNAN TROOPS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 1st. The Hunanese remnants under General Li Ben, Hsin received a heavy blow at Hengchow, about 200 miles south of Changsha, the 10th Hankow Army defeating them and capturing a large quantity of ammunition.

GENERAL SUN'S "SUDDEN ATTACK."

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 1st. The Nanking Military Council announces that Sun Chuan Fang's troops attempted to effect a sudden attack on Southern troops but were finally repulsed. General Ho Ying Chien's troops are chasing the enemy to a point near Yenchow.

THE NATIONALISTS AND KWANGSI CLIQUE.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 1st. Yesterday afternoon Marshal Chiang Kai Shek convened a meeting at Kuomintang headquarters, Nanking, with a view to finding means to secure the appearance at the proposed 4th Kuomintang Conference of the Kwangsi clique members. Over twenty Executive and Supervisory members were present and Marshal Chiang presided over the meeting. After a long discussion, two resolutions were adopted, namely:

1. The five Leftist leaders, including Mrs. Liao Chung Kai, Chen Shu Jan and Wang Fat Chin, who were charged with the crime of being responsible for the Canton "Red" uprising, should be ordered to continue their respective offices in the Kuomintang and the Nationalist Government.

2. Another meeting should be called to fix a date for the inauguration of the Plenary Session.

STATEMENTS AFFECTING CIVIL SERVANTS.

MR. BALDWIN DIRECTS IMMEDIATE INQUIRY.

SEQUEL TO LAWSUIT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 1st. The Prime Minister, after consultation with the Foreign Secretary, has directed an immediate inquiry in connection with certain statements affecting civil servants made in the course of a lawsuit in which Messrs. Ironmonger & Company, bankers, Throgmorton Street, claimed £30,000 from Mrs. Aminta Marjorie Bradley Dyne in respect of losses suffered in currency transactions on December, 1926, and January and February, 1927.

Mrs. Dyne pleaded under the Gaming Act, alleging that the transactions were merely gambling in differences.

The jury found for plaintiffs. It was stated in evidence that Mrs. Dyne was introduced to Ironmonger & Company by Mr. J. D. Gregory, an Assistant Foreign Under Secretary.

Mrs. Dyne stated that Mr. Gregory had certain transactions with her and that she had made payments to him and also to Commander Maxse who also is employed by the Foreign Office.

The Board of Inquiry will consist of Sir Warren Fisher, Sir Malcolm Ramsay, and Mr. Maurice Gwyer.

RUSSIAN BONDS.

PROTEST BY U.S. HOLDERS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 31st. As a result of the strong protests by holders of Imperial Russian Bonds, long in default, the State Department has been communicating with the Chase National Bank with regard to the sale in the United States of Soviet Railway Bonds.

The Chase Bank recently advertised that it would provide for the service, principal and interest, in dollars, on the bonds sold by the Soviet to individuals through the post.

The State Department has not yet made any official pronouncement in connection with the matter, but it is known that officials are following it up closely.

STEEL CORPORATION.

WALL STREET STARTLED BY THE SLUMP.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 31st. Although unfavourable figures were anticipated, Wall Street has been startled by the annual report of the United States Steel Corporation, which shows that the earnings decreased by \$43,000,000, compared with 1926.

The Corporation's net income declined by \$23,000,000, while the dividends for 1927 were equivalent only to \$3.80 per share on the common stock, compared with \$17.90 in 1926.

THE WIRELESS AND CABLES CONFERENCE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Jan. 31st. Before the Imperial Wireless and Cables Conference to-day Lord Inverforth and Mr. Kellaway gave information regarding the services of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company and the attitude of the company to problems arising out of the development and control of telegraphic services of the Empire.

Mr. McHollan presented the views of the Wireless Telegraph Company of South Africa and a deputation from the Empire Press Union was received.

CANADA'S NEW PLENIPOTENTIARIES.

FOR FRANCE AND JAPAN.

PREMIER REPLIES TO OPPOSITION LEADER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OTTAWA, Feb. 1st. The Prime Minister, replying to Mr. Bennett's criticisms, cabled yesterday, justified the appointment of plenipotentiaries to France and Japan which was in accordance with the principles of the Imperial Conference; but he added: "The last thing that I should like to see would be a Minister of the Crown residing outside of Canada and in a position to commit this Government to certain policies." The plenipotentiary at Tokyo would act in a measure for the whole of the Asiatic continent.

"DAILY NEWS" AND "WESTMINSTER GAZETTE."

AMALGAMATION ANNOUNCED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 31st. The famous Liberal morning newspapers, *The Daily News* and *The Westminster Gazette* have amalgamated, and will appear to-morrow as a single journal.

NORWAY'S LABOUR GOVERNMENT.

DISARMAMENT AND CORN MONOPOLY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OSLO, Jan. 31st. The new Labour Government has issued a manifesto that it intends to substitute a state monopoly of the corn trade for the present law imposing an import duty on foreign wheat.

No military training will be held this year as the Government favours complete disarmament. Political circles consider that the Government will be short-lived.

AMERICAN RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA.

GIRLS' SCHOOL IN TURKEY PROSCRIBED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 31st. Following the conversion of four Turkish girls to Protestantism, the Turkish Government has ordered the closing of the American School for Girls at Broussa, for alleged religious propaganda.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE.

FROM FRANCE TO U.S.A.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Jan. 31st. The capital and other towns will, shortly be enabled to use the wireless telephone to New York, by means of ordinary cables to Rugby and thence by wireless to Houlton, Maine, thence again by cable to New York.

A three-minute call will cost £13.

OBITUARY.

THE EARL OF WARWICK.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Jan. 31st. The Earl of Warwick died to-day at the age of 45 years. He had an adventurous career. When only 17 years old he was then Lord Brooke—he ran away from Eton and enlisted as a private for service in the South African War. He was granted a commission, and fought at Diamond Hill and in other engagements and eventually became the special correspondent with the Russian Army. At the outbreak of the World War he was appointed Aide-de-Camp to Sir John French, and subsequently commanded the Fourth Canadian Infantry Brigade.

INDIAN LEGISLATURE.

NEW SESSION OPENS DRAMATICALLY.

PRESIDENT AND THE RESERVE BILL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW DELHI, Feb. 1st. The new session of the Indian Legislature opened dramatically, Mr. V. J. Patel, President of the Assembly, refusing to call on Sir Basil Blacket to introduce the new Reserve Bank Bill on the ground that it violated the propriety of the House and was an abuse of privilege, while last session's Bill had not withdrawn.

LODGING HOUSE "BARONET."

MAN WHO INSISTS ON HAVING A TITLE.

"SIR A. B. RAMSEY."

An elderly inmate of a Walworth common lodging house, who sells cheap watches in a back street of the Borough, announced to the magistrate's clerk that he was a baronet when he went into the witness-box at Lambeth Police Court to give evidence in a case of assault.

He is "Sir Alexander Ramsey," of Walworth, S.E., and he prosecuted a labourer, John Goddard, who was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour for knocking him about in the kitchen of the lodging house in East-street which the baronet has made his temporary home.

"Are you a baronet?" asked the magistrate's clerk when the prosecutor announced himself as "Sir Alexander Ramsey." "Yes, sir," replied the old man, and then plunged into his story of the lodging house brawl.

A press representative called on the "baronet" later in the day at his lodging house. The door was opened by a youth, who shouted loudly for "Alec," and a bent old man, who proved to be the claimant, shuffled into the gloomy hall.

Overall. He wore overalls and an old cloth cap, and was without collar or tie. He produced a London County Council street trader's licence made out in the name of "Sir Alexander Ramsey," in support of his claim to the title, and for the rest he had some envelopes which had been sent through the post to him to an address in Laslock-place, Walworth, and which bore the name of "Sir Alexander Burford Ramsey."

The standard books of reference contain no record of a baronet of this name.

"It's like this," said "Sir Alexander" in explanation of his title. "My father was Sir Charles Ramsey, who kept the Begott Music Hall that was burned down in Lambeth-road."

"I don't know whether I am the second, third, or fourth baronet or what. You see, I never interfered with my old dad's business, and I never asked him questions."

"When my dad used to ride about in his carriage with footmen I remember our crest was a giraffe—like an ostrich."

"I went to a school in West-quay, St. George's-road, and 9d. a week we paid the old lady to teach us. Very likely I went to a fine college, but that I can't remember."

"You see, my parents discarded me."

"To Be Called 'Sir'." "My misadventure doesn't use the title. We all call her by her Christian name, Agnes, but I take good care to be called 'sir.'"

The old man went on with a recital of some of his accomplishments. "I can read and write," he said. "Yes, left-handed and backwards. I write."

"And money," he continued grandly. "I don't know the value of money. I've never had to want in my life. Time was when I could write a cheque for twenty, and break the necks of bottles of champagne."

"I've always mixed with them that spend money, and I once looked up my birth certificate and saw I was Sir Alexander Ramsey. In the music-hall I was born, and my mother's name was Grey—daughter of Sir Henry Grey, I believe, but of the I can't be sure."

"I think I am fifty-six or fifty-seven myself, but I don't quite know."

"I've never mixed with common people, and I don't drink beer," he concluded with pride. "Double nips of whisky is my drink, and I tosses them off quick, one after another."

EARL HAIG'S LAST RESTING PLACE.

AT HIS SCOTTISH ANCESTRAL HOME.

IMPRESSIVE PROCESSION TO TAKE PLACE IN LONDON.

AN ESCORT OF SIX BATTALIONS OF INFANTRY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Feb. 1st.

Field Marshal Earl Haig lies in state to-day and to-morrow in Saint Columba's Church, London, where he was a frequent worshipper.

On Friday morning the cortege with the Field Marshal's body escorted by six battalions of infantry will pass down the Mall through the Horseguard's Parade and by the Cenotaph route, being thus arranged to meet the special desire of the War Office Staff.

From Westminster Abbey the procession will re-form and proceed to Waterloo Station where the body will be entrusted for Scotland and will lie in state on Sunday and Monday in Saint Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh. Thereafter, it will be taken to Bemeswyde, Earl Haig's ancestral home. This will be in accord with the desire expressed in his will.

The suggestion that he should be buried in Saint Paul's Cathedral, where other great soldiers lie, was abandoned.

It is understood that immediately Parliament meets next Tuesday both Houses will record the depth of the loss felt by the Empire caused by Earl Haig's death.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The Burial.

LONDON, Jan. 31st. Although the Dean of St. Paul's had accepted the Government's request for the burial of Earl Haig at St. Paul's Cathedral, it was announced later that the deceased Field-Marshal would, in accordance with his own wish, be buried at his Scottish estate, Bemeswyde. There will be no service at St. Paul's.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Body Lying In State.

RUSSIA, Jan. 31st.

To-morrow and Thursday the body will lie in state at St. Columba's Church, Pont Street, London, which Earl Haig attended. On Friday a short service will be held at this church, attended by members of the family and relatives. This will be followed by a public military funeral service at some church in London yet to be decided, possibly Westminster Abbey. The body will afterwards be taken to Bemeswyde where the interment will take place on Saturday.

Sympathy Of France And Belgium.

The French Government has appointed Marshals Foch and Pétain to represent it at the public military funeral. M. de Flouriau, the French Ambassador in London, will personally represent President Doumergue. The Belgian Government has also appointed a mission to attend.

WHEN GOLD IS A NUISANCE.

Why has £2,000,000 of gold been sent from New York to London? Because the United States is using, to finance the economic reconstruction of the world, some of the enormous financial resources she acquired from the rest of the world during and after the war.

Before the war it was London that financed the world's trade and development, whether by short-term credits, represented by bills of exchange, or by long-term loans, represented by bond and stock issues.

International remittances are usually made by paper transactions—that is, by cheques or bills of exchange sent through the post or by cable transfers carried into effect by entries in bank ledgers. But these are essentially exchange operations, and there comes a time when the demand for remittances in one direction, say from New York to London, exceeds the demand in the other, from London to New York. Put in another way, the demand in New York for sterling—that is, money in London—is greater than the demand in London for dollars—that is, money in New York.

This is what has happened recently, and owing to the extra demand for sterling the exchange dealers put up the price of the £ sterling expressed in dollars.

If the £ sterling continues to rise there comes a time when, despite the cost of freight and insurance and the loss of interest, it becomes cheaper to ship gold from New York to London than to buy exchange in the market.

WHEN GOLD IS A NUISANCE.

This shipment is effected not by individuals but by big banks that command large sums of money and have the necessary machinery for arranging the transport. The transport of gold from New York involved the conveyance of the gold by road from the vaults to the landing stage, its shipment in a Currier-Hunt to Southampton, its carriage in special vans on the Southern Railway to London, and its conveyance by road in bullion cars to the Bank of England.

The City is not entirely happy over this accession of gold. If it is kept here it will form the basis for an expansion of credit. Money will tend to become cheaper. But the demand for sterling that has resulted in the transshipment of gold is due not only to long-term American lending to Europe but largely to the temporary employment of American money in London, where it earns higher rates of interest than it would earn in New York.

This is by no means an unmixed blessing, particularly as enormous French balances also are employed in London.

These foreign balances might at any time be withdrawn, and in the absence of agreement between the authorities they constitute a menace to our money market. The best gold influx is that which results from an increase in our exports, the payments for which increase the demand for sterling in exchange markets abroad.



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RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

It is feared that Mr. Pollock's recent accident at Fanling will prevent him from riding at the annual meeting. Rather a bitter blow for him and bad luck on those for whom he was riding as it will not be possible adequately to replace him locally and the Shanghai jockeys are already pretty well booked up.

The Jockey Club intend taking charge of the selling sweeps this year, and the auctions will take place at Volunteer Headquarters. Members will in due course receive full particulars thereof. The Stewards are to be congratulated upon this departure and it is up to the members to show their appreciation by turning up in good numbers and making the auctions a success.

Bengal, I hear, has injured himself and is unlikely to face the starter at the meeting.

The following are a few of the times taken at Happy Valley yesterday morning. The gallops were on the sand track. Mr. Pote Hunt was riding some of the "Eve" ponies.

Boxing Eve, 1 1/2 miles:—33.2; 1.10; 1.41; 2.14; 2.49.2; 3.25. Last quarter 35.3.

Sitting Bull, 1 mile:—34.2; 1.09; 1.43; 2.16. Last quarter 33.

Peck, 1 mile:—32.3; 1.08.4; 1.38.3. Last quarter 32.1.

Pickle, 1 mile:—33; 1.08.3; 1.38.2. Last quarter 29.4.

Coco Bay, 1 mile:—39; 1.15; 1.49; 2.19. Last quarter 30.

Baloo, 1 mile:—39.2; 1.17.2; 1.51. Last quarter 33.3.

Movannah, 1 1/2 miles:—41; 1.18; 1.52; 2.35; 3.07.2. Last quarter 32.2.

Monterey Bay, 1 mile:—33.2; 1.07.3; 1.39.3; 2.11.2. Last quarter 31.4.

Misty Eve, 1 mile:—41.4; 1.10; 1.53. Last quarter 37.

New Year's Eve, 1 1/2 miles:—38; 1.13; 1.45; 2.17.4; 2.58; 3.25.2. Last quarter 33.2.

Twilight Eve and Gala Eve, 1 mile:—37.3; 1.12; 1.48; 2.23. Last quarter 35.

Skipper and Spinner, 1 mile:—37.3; 1.14; 1.45.4. Last quarter 31.4.

Northern Stag, 1 mile:—36.2; 1.11; 1.44.2. Last quarter 33.2.

Pitchfork, 1 mile:—37.2; 1.13; 1.48.2. Last quarter 35.2.

Bakers Bay, 1 mile:—33.3; 1.07.2; 1.40; 2.12.1. Last quarter 32.1.

Heir Apparent, 1 1/2 miles:—44; 1.22.3; 1.57.3; 2.31.1; 3.01.4. Last quarter 30.3.

The Comeril, 1 1/2 miles:—48; 1.30; 2.07; 2.41; 3.11.2. Last quarter 30.2.

Dumfries, 1 mile:—42; 1.20; 1.52.2. Last quarter 32.2.

Sidi Bishi, 1 mile:—43; 1.23; 2.34.4.

Deep Water Bay, 1 mile:—32; 1.03.2. Last quarter 31.2.

Festive Eve, 1 mile:—37; 1.13; 1.45.2. Last quarter 32.2.

Minor Hall, 1 mile:—41.3; 1.20; 1.52.2. Last quarter 32.2.

May Hall, 1 mile:—40.4; 1.20; 1.50; 2.32.1. Last quarter 33.1.

November, 1 1/2 miles:—38.2; 1.14; 1.48; 2.30.3; 2.55.4. Last quarter 32.2.

Peter, 1 mile:—35; 1.09; 1.43.3. Last quarter 34.3.

November was in no way pressed during his gallop and is moving very nicely. At the time of writing, however, I do not think there is anything to touch *Heir Apparent*. Too much importance should not be placed on the fact that *Boxing Eve*'s last quarter was 35.3 as the whole time was fairly good and the third quarter was 31.

First Extra Race Meeting.

The above meeting has been fixed for February 25th and the programme consisting of nine events is now out.

Fanling Hunt.

Mr. M. Bolton has compiled a most comprehensive record of Steeplechasing at Kwant since its inception to date. It discloses the fact (inter alia) that 73 riders have taken part in these races with Capt. Reidy as the "star turn." The next meeting is on March 3rd.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SECOND DIVISION MATCH.

OLDHAM BEAT THE SAINTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 31st.

Playing in the Second Division of the English Football League, Oldham Athletic beat Southampton by three goals to one goal. The match was played on the ground of the first named club.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.A. CHALLENGE SHIELDS.

The Council of the H.K.F.A. met last evening to make arrangements for the Shield Competition. The draw resulted as under:—

Seniors.
Kick off at 4.15 p.m.

China Athletic v. K.O.S.B.s on H.K.F.C. Ground.

Club de Recreo v. H.K. Police; King's Park.

R.A. v. South China; Sookunpo.

Byes:—H.K.F.C.; Scots Guards; Kowloon; R.A.F. and Queen's Regt.

Juniors.
Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

R.A. Reserves v. K.O.S.B.s Res.; Sookunpo.

China Athletic Reserves v. South China; H.K.F.C.

Scots Guards v. St. Joseph's; Chatham Road.

St. Joseph's v. H.K.F.C. Reserves; St. Joseph's.

Byes:—Queen's Regt.; South China; "A"; Club de Recreo and Kowloon.

All games to be played on Saturday, February 11th.

THE TEST MATCH.

SOUTH AFRICA WIN BY FOUR WICKETS.

JOHANNESBURG, February 1st.

When stumps were drawn early to-day owing to bad light South Africa only required 98 to win with nine wickets in hand.

The match has gone against the visitors from the start. To their first innings score of 255, South Africa replied with 328. In their second venture England made 215, a very inadequate score under the circumstances. South Africa on coming in a second time made 55 for 1 wicket. From Reuter and British Wireless Service.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 1st.

South Africa won by four wickets, 156 for 6 wickets.

SIM SHIELD COMPETITION.

ARMY WIN A CLOSE GAME.

SERVICES LEVEL ON POINTS.

The return match between the Army and the Hong Kong Hockey Club in the Sim Shield competition was played on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, the Army winning by four goals to three.

In the first meeting the Army had an easy victory, but in yesterday's match they met with strong opposition and the issue was very much in doubt until the final whistle.

The Army drew first blood by scoring two goals through Lieut. Burton before the interval, but the Club replied with the same number, breaking through the Army defence by a well combined game.

In the second half Captain Dobbie gave his side the lead and later Captain Howard secured the fourth goal. The Club reduced the deficit by netting once more and were making great efforts for the equalizer when the final whistle sounded.

An opinion expressed in these columns recently that the Army and the Navy might secure a tie in points seems to be quite likely as they have six points each with two more games to play. A struggle between these two Service teams for the destination of the shield should result in a great game.

On present form there is little doubt that the Army will beat the Royal Air Force and the Navy should have no difficulty in winning their remaining matches with the Club and the R.A.F.

The match between the Army and the R.A.F., which was postponed early in the week owing to the bad state of the ground, will be played next week, the date being at the moment indefinite.

On Friday, February 3rd, the Navy will play the R.A.F. The latter were beaten last time by six goals to one.

The Position To Date.

The positions of the Clubs to date are:—
P. W. L. D. F. A. P.
Navy 4 3 1 0 17 5 8
Army 4 3 1 0 17 5 8
Club 4 1 3 0 8 12 2
R.A.F. 2 0 2 0 1 0 0

UNIVERSITY v. H.K. HOCKEY CLUB "A."

This game takes place to-morrow on the Variety ground at 5 p.m. sharp.

University:—Messrs. F. Hiptool, A. A. Rumbold, G. S. Scully, F. Y. Khoo, C. K. Ong, A. B. Sullivan, E. Zimmerman, V. Enok, A. A. Aziz, K. P. Gan, S. Kermani.

THE BOAT RACE.

'VARSITY CREWS AND THEIR DIET.'

Few subjects have given greater opportunities for controversy than the diet of the University Boat Race crews, and many false impressions have got abroad as the result of exaggerated statements about one part or another of the day's menu.

As a matter of fact there is no set rule until strict training is entered upon, when is usually about Ash Wednesday (February 22nd), and up to that time the members of the crew carry on in the normal way. The feeding of an undergraduate depends entirely upon what he is prepared to spend upon it—he can have just what he wants.

Two Big Meals A Day.

The average undergraduate in normal times has two big meals a day—breakfast and dinner (or hall), as it is more generally called—and he takes only a light lunch. The ordinary college meal is a good square meal usually soup, meat, and sweet, being framed on the knowledge that 75 per cent. of the diners are actively engaged in strenuous exercise. It is compulsory to dine in hall (or at any rate pay for the dinner) so many nights per week, which varies at different colleges.

The fastidious ones, who prefer to order their own dishes, dine at one of the clubs. The Pitt and the Hawks are the favourites with the sporting fraternity and both kitchens are organised specially for the needs of sportsmen by men who understand their job.

Training Diet To-day And In Olden Times.

There was a time when the half-cooked beef steak was regarded as the foundation of all training diet, but those days are over. Lightly cooked meat plays its part in the menu, but it has been discovered that there can be no golden rule except that a man can have what he can best digest.

Eggs and fresh fruit are perhaps the most important things to-day and the former are used in large quantities in many ways, but once the crew enters strict training the individual taste of each man has to be carefully considered. About the only thing which is really insisted upon is that all bread must be toasted.

At no place—other than Oxford, of course—this question of catering for the needs of sportsmen better understood than at Cambridge. For some three weeks before the Lent and the May races special meals are supplied to the rowing men, and Rugby and Association teams also have special training meals for the knock-out competitions. Food is the last thing which should be complained about.

BILLIARDS.

R.A.F. BEAT R.A.

A billiards match was played off on Tuesday evening at the Y.M.C.A., Salisbury Road, between Cameron Road R.A.F. and the R.A., resulting in a win for the R.A.F.

The scores were:—

R.A.F.	
Leggott	144
Grist	124
Aplin	150
Plunkett	150
Stirling	150
Bailey	150
Total	868

R.A.	
Collins	150
Platt	150
Humphreys	41
Conybere	79
Turner	44
Gardner	63
Total	527

R.A.F. won by 341 points.

H.M.S. Tamar Billiards team has challenged the winner of the above game, and will meet them at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday next.

Rumours have been rife as to the formation of an amateur league among the Services, but so far there are no definite details to hand.

WORLD FLIGHT BEGUN.

When Mr. J. S. Newall and Mr. Neville Vincent, who both belong to the R.A.F., started on their world flight from Stag Lane Aerodrome, Edgware, Middlesex, at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, a large crowd cheered heartily as they made a perfect ascent and set their course for their first stopping point in France. The airman proposed, after leaving France, to continue their journey by way of Italy and Greece to India and Singapore, returning, if practicable, through China and Russia.

The airman intend to use their machines between India and Singapore, picking up cargo and passengers as they are offered in the various ports.

GREYHOUND-RACING PROTESTS.

MANCHESTER'S LEAD FOR PROHIBITION.

VARIOUS ABUSES.

LONDON, Dec. 8th.

A protest meeting was held this evening at the Whitehall Memorial Tavern, Tottenham Court Road, to draw attention to various abuses connected with the spread of greyhound-racing and betting. The Rev. A. D. Belden was in the chair.

Mr. J. R. Ackroyd, of Manchester, said:—

"Gambling is one of the great menaces to the moral stability of our nation, and we have evidence on every hand which clearly proves that, whilst drinking is decreasing, betting is rapidly increasing. Its corruptive influence is growing amongst all classes of society. I am glad that the Christian Church is beginning to realise the enormity of the evil and is now awakening to the sense of her responsibility in this matter.

"The spirit of gambling has been greatly stimulated during the past few months in various parts of the country by the establishment of greyhound-racetracks. A short time ago, along with some public men in Manchester, I visited a place and was astonished at everything I saw. There were all the features of an ordinary racetrack—bookmakers, noise, excitement—in evidence. There were six races in all, each race occupying about twenty seconds, and the whole lot taking in all, so far as actual time goes, two minutes. The whole programme, the parade of the dogs, the starting of the races, etc., could easily be got through in ten minutes, whereas by long waits it is made to last two hours.

Women Backers.

"In the twenty minutes' interval between each race betting openly takes place by a very large section of those present, and a huge sum of money changes hands. The sad part of the whole business was to find so many young people engaged in the betting transactions, and it was particularly painful to see the very large number of well-dressed, respectable, and attractive young women whose age-range would be between 17 to 25 years, who were engaged in all parts of the ground in serious and systematic betting transactions. One simply trembled at the possibility of what might happen to these young women in the future. One cannot, for a single moment, see how this mechanical racing of dogs chasing an electrically driven and controlled dummy hare can be called sport.

"I believe that in the campaign throughout the country against the evil we have behind us the whole body of the teaching profession. A large number also of the medical profession are joining in the protest on the ground that the excitement and the lack of sufficient nourishment caused by the money spent on betting are an injury to the health of the children. I do not think the public have any idea of the large number of boys who know all about a betting-book and who make one amongst their own particular class. I have one made by a schoolboy of 11. It shows the method of procedure, and there is evidence that cigarette-cards as well as cash are accepted as tender.

"We also cannot but view with alarm the increasing football coupon and sweepstake system which has now taken such a hold upon the rising generation, and the new form of gambling which is spreading throughout the country in the shape of golden ballots for the raising of money for hospitals and charities is one that should be condemned. These who are closely identified with young people—day school teachers and workers in clubs—are agreed that, along with other forms of betting, the most harmful appear to be either in connection with football coupons or the automatic machines.

Restrictive Legislation.

"In view of the demoralising influence of this greyhound-racing, and the greatly increased facilities it affords for betting, I believe that some form of legislative restriction is necessary. Local authorities have already the power to prohibit certain kinds of evil, and I think this power should be secured to cover betting on these racetracks.

"So serious has the menace become to the youth of Manchester that the Watch Committee last month passed a resolution asking the Home Secretary to give legislative powers to prohibit betting on greyhound-racetracks, and the resolution was unanimously confirmed by the City Council. Manchester was the first municipality in the country to take such a step, and its action on this question has aroused considerable interest throughout the land. The iniquitous thing about the whole business is that in a large number of the schemes up and down the country for these racing tracks, land is to be taken which is included in town planning schemes to be used for houses and playing-fields. To take away from the young playing-fields

which are so greatly needed and which have as their object provision of healthy and wholesome recreation, and character building, and to put upon the land a racing track with all its temptations and pernicious influence, is surely a matter that the authorities will never sanction.

"I know the question is being asked by some people: 'What is the difference between dog-racing and horse-racing?' To my mind there is this difference—while the interest of the great majority of those who attend horse-racing is that of betting, these races are only held in the afternoons of two or three days about every eight weeks. Greyhound-racing is in the evening, three nights every week for about six months, and in some of the large cities even oftener and for a longer period."

Powerless Home Secretary.

Mr. Ackroyd was followed by Mr. J. Compton, M.P., in whose division in Manchester greyhound-racing was first started. He said: "As a trade union official and a member of Parliament I am concerned with greyhound betting for two reasons. I am opposed to all forms of betting, but especially to this low form of betting, because it draws its chief support from the working classes, and they cannot afford to bet. Wages are paid out at the end of the week. The men hand them over to their wives, and not only the wives but themselves and their children all bet. Capital is needed for industry. You cannot get it. But you can have money galore for promoting greyhound-racing schemes. Resolutions are not much good. We have to start a crusade against this evil. Wealth galore is squandered in districts which are full of ill-health, poverty, and unemployment, where they are families which do not know where to look for the next meal. The Home Secretary is powerless to take action owing to the existing state of the law. If that is so, it is the duty of the people to give him the power to take action. I am determined to do what I can to stamp it out. If we do nothing we are going to create a generation of men and women not dissimilar to that which preceded the fall of the Roman Empire."

A Lead For London.

The Rev. H. Dunnico, who seconded the resolution, said: "Both the previous speakers represent Manchester. Compared to what has been done in Manchester to stop this evil London ought to be ashamed of itself, but I hope London will soon follow Manchester's lead."

Beaconsfield, Mr. Dunnico went on, described gambling as a vast engine of national demoralisation, and its results were to be seen in ruined characters and blighted lives. To accuse those who attacked greyhound-racing as being opposed to the sport of the working man was not only untrue but grotesquely untrue. Coming from those whose sole object was to fleece the working man, such a charge was blatant hypocrisy. Someone had said that to let greyhounds chase a dummy hare was to make "mugs" of the dogs, but the "mugs" of the people who risked their money on them. To call it sport was to prostitute a noble word. This was not sport—it was the personification of calculating greed and folly. If allowed to spread it would become a cancer spreading corruption to every part of the body politic.

Lord Mayor On Suggested Town Meeting.

The Lord Mayor of Manchester (Councillor William Davy) yesterday made an announcement concerning a proposal made by Professor Sir William Boyd Dawkins in a letter published in the Manchester Guardian. The purport of Sir William's letter was to support the protest recently made by the Lord Mayor against the multiplication of centres of greyhound-racing, and in the course of his communication he suggested that the Lord Mayor might convene a public meeting in order that the views of the citizens of Manchester might be ascertained. The Lord Mayor yesterday explained that he had no intention of calling a public meeting, as proposed, as he was satisfied that it would only be attended by the "converted." The people upon whom it was now important that influence should be brought to bear were members of Parliament, as the evil could only be adequately dealt with through legislation.—Manchester Guardian.

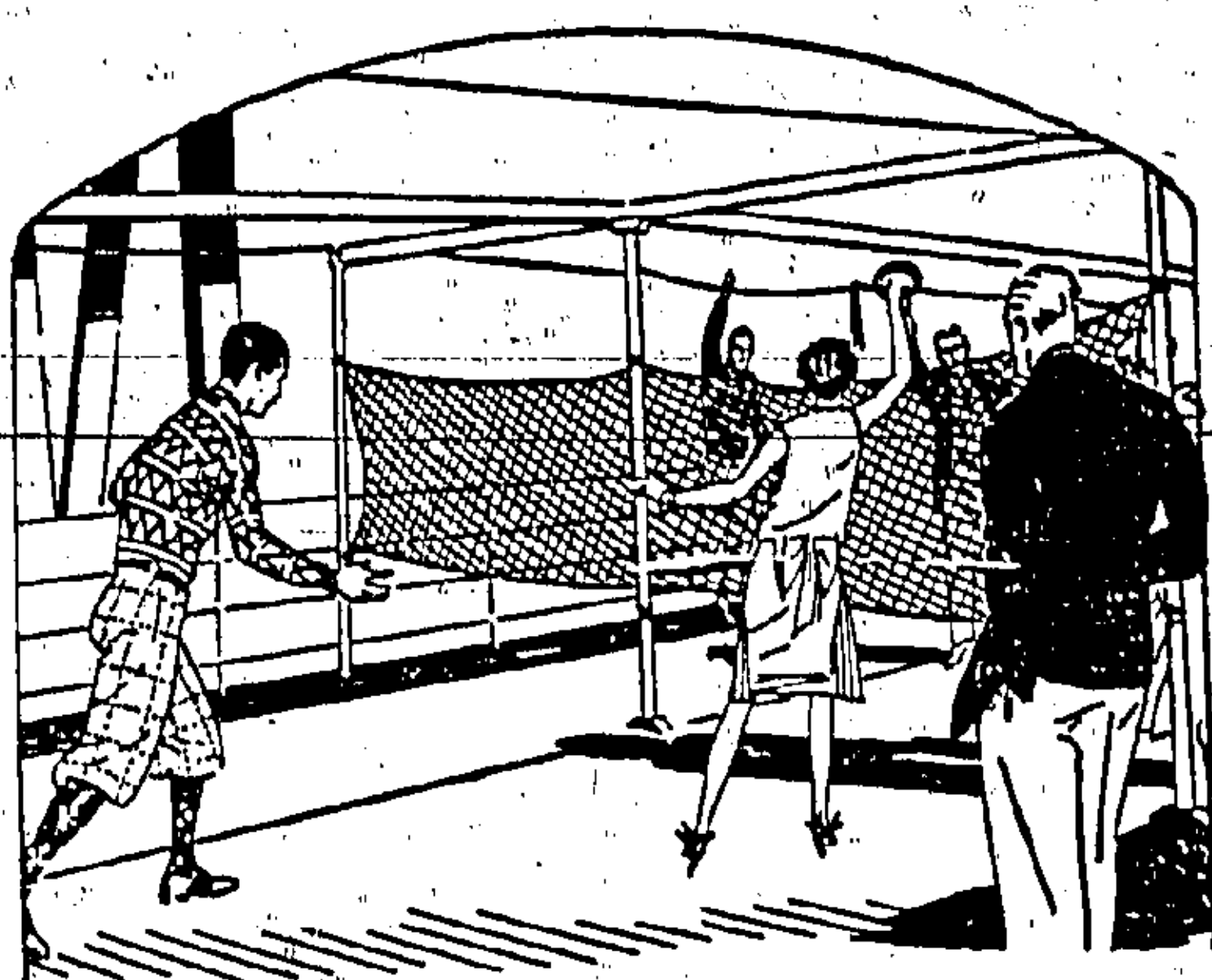
ROYAL ENGAGEMENT.

ANTICIPATED ITALO-BELGIAN ALLIANCE.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 31st.

An announcement in the Italian newspaper *Corriere del Popolo*, of the imminent engagement of Prince Humbert, son of the King of Italy, to Princess Marie José, daughter of the King of the Belgians, is generally accepted here as the forerunner of an official announcement.

"Nothing has happened, that permits positive confirmation," was the official reply to a request for information at the palace at Brussels, but the princess has been a frequent visitor to the Italian royal family recently, and the "denial" is considered to lack a definite quality.



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R.A.F. OFFICERS IN THE MAKING.

SIR JOHN SALMOND VISITS CRANWELL.

PASSING-OUT INSPECTION.

LONDON, Dec. 17th.

A passing-out inspection of cadets from the R.A.F. College at Cranwell was conducted yesterday by Air-Marshal Sir John M. Salmond, the principal Air Aide-de-Camp to the King, and he afterwards distributed the prizes won during the past half-year.

The Commandant, Air Commodore F. C. Halahan, presented a report, from which it appeared that the total strength of the College was 118, of whom 25 were due to pass out this term. Bad weather had seriously interfered with flying during the year, but the cadets due to pass out had averaged 78 hours' flying, of which 29 had been solo-an service types, and the flying had maintained a good standard.

Discipline had been good, and under-officers and non-commissioned officers had performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner. The health of the cadets had been excellent throughout, and the standard of physical training remained high.

Great Opportunity. Sir John Salmond congratulated the cadets on earning the approval of their Commandant. What he had seen that day appeared to be a great many more. There would be ample opportunity for them in the future, for that great Air Force of theirs was only in its infancy.

It required determination, energy, and fitness of mind and body to face all the difficulties they would meet, and it required these in an ever greater degree to tide over the slack or dull times when the natural inclination was to pull out a slow stop.

The Sword of Honour, awarded to the best all-round flight cadet in the junior term, was won by Flight Cadet Under Officer A. W. Hunt. The R. M. Groves Memorial Prize for the best all-round pilot in the senior term was awarded to Flight Cadet Sergeant C. E. St. J. Beamish, Flight Cadet Corporal E. A. Jones won the Abbey Gerard Fellows Memorial Prize for the cadet obtaining the highest total marks in mathematics and science. Flight Cadet E. R. White was awarded the prize for the cadet in the senior term obtaining the highest marks in aeronautical engineering, and Flight Cadet Corporal Pickles carried off the prize for the cadet in the senior term obtaining the highest marks in humanistic subjects.

NOISY GREYHOUNDS.

NOT A "WINK OF SLEEP" FOR A COMPLAINT.

Complaints of the "barking, whining, yelping, and growling" of greyhounds in the kennels of the Staines Greyhound Racecourse, Ltd., at Bell's Park, were made by Mr. Eric Gascoigne Lynde, who moved for an injunction in the Chancery Court restraining the company from committing a nuisance.

Mr. J. Neville Gray, for Mr. Lynde, said the buildings in which the greyhounds were kept almost touched his house. "The dogs make a terrible noise," said Mr. Gray, "and it is nearly impossible for the family to get any sleep. In fact, on the previous night Mr. Lynde and his wife were unable to get a wink of sleep between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m."

Mr. Justice Rorer: How many dogs are there?

Mr. Gray said he understood there were 30 and 20 more arrived recently.

Mr. Justice Rorer: Why did they bring 20 more dogs?

Mr. Lynde (the racecourse company): The opening meeting is on Boxing Day, my lord. Mr. Justice Rorer said he would give the company an opportunity to make some proposal later in the day, and added: "If they want to keep their dogs there for the Boxing Day meeting I think they will have to find the plaintiff and his family some alternative accommodation."

Later Mr. Lynde told Mr. Justice Rorer that at the date of the writ 17 dogs were at the kennels, and that there were only 20 dogs there now. It was untrue that more dogs had arrived. The company was prepared to offer alternative accommodation to Mr. Lynde, if desired, or they would buy his property.

Mr. Justice Rorer, remarking that he was glad to hear that not more than 20 dogs were there now, adjourned the motion on the company giving an undertaking not to increase the number of dogs. Mr. Lynde gave the undertaking, and the motion stood adjourned.

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220,000 FREED SLAVES.

THEIR NEW LIFE IN AFRICA.

MARRIAGE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.

FREETOWN, "SIERRA LEONE."

January 1st.

The ordinance abolishing the "legal status of slavery" in the Sierra Leone Protectorate, came into force to-day. The number of people affected is roughly 220,000. Many, having married into their masters' families, will automatically remain and will continue the communal life existing in the Protectorate.

There has been no pressing request for compensation from slave-owners.

In some districts many applications for employment have already been received from the newly freed workers. Among the Mendi tribe many slaves had definite positions, which were secured by the use of certain land and the retention of some of the products of their labours. In such cases it is believed that only those who have been cruelly treated will seek a change.

In other districts only a slight exodus is expected, as there will be no difficulty regarding grants of land from the late masters to the late slaves.

Other questions relating to marriage and property will be settled in accordance with native law and custom. It is believed that marriage between the free and the newly freed will soon settle the whole situation.

One effect of the ordinance should be increased activity in the collection of produce, followed by a more general prosperity among the whole community.

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J. LIMAGE, Agent. Hong Kong, 31st Jan., 1928. [5841]

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 10th instant, or they will not be recognized. Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 7th February, 1928. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE, Agent. Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1928. [5842]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

YUNNAN MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE.

30th January, 1928. [5828]

CONSIGNEES per Co's Steamer "NINGCHOW"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 30th January, 1928.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th February, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 30th February, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

30th January, 1928. [5828]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA PORTS.

THE S.S. "GLENSANDA"

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Goods not cleared by the 8th February, 1928, at Noon, will be subject to Rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on 7th February, 1928, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Vessel including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. Agents.

Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1928. [5835]

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

JAVA PACIFIC LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES.

THE M.S. "BINTANG"

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Goods not cleared by the 6th February, 1928, will be subject to Rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th February, 1928, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of the Steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the Underwriter in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by J. LIMAGE, Agent.

Hong Kong, 30th Jan., 1928. [5833]

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 6th February, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within Fifteen days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

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Hong Kong, 30th Jan., 1928. [5831]

Hong Kong, 27th Jan., 1928. [5831]

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUOHOOW"	On 11th Feb.	7 a.m.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LIANGGOW"	On 13th Feb.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 13th Feb.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN"	On 15th Feb.	7 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUBOHOOW"	On 15th Feb.	4 p.m.
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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.	PASSENGERS.	CIRCUS RICHES.
February 1st. Chenan, British str., 1,335 tons. Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B. & S. Glenanda, British str., 4,065 tons. Capt. E. Waite, from London and Singapore. The latter port she left on January 25th, with 431 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co. Hai Hong, British str., 1,270 tons. Capt. E. Walker, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf—Douglas S.S. Co. Hydrangen, British str., 501 tons. Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 123 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co. Nam Sang, British str., 2,391 tons. Capt. F. Mooney, from Kobe, which port she left on January 28th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B7—Jardine, Matheson & Co. Sumida Maru, Japanese str., 1,183 tons. Capt. C. Sasahara, from Bangkok and Kobe. The latter port she left on January 22nd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C19—Y.K.K. Tijndar, Dutch str., 2,053 tons. Capt. P. A. Verhoeven, from Batavia and Manila. The latter port she left on January 29th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A2—J.C.C.L. Van Heutz, Dutch motor ship, 2,743 tons. Capt. J. Groothoff, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3—J.C.C.L. Yangtze, French str., 5,010 tons. Capt. Antonine, from Dunkirk and Saigon. The latter port she left on January 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—M.M.	Departures. For s.s. General Metzing, for Shanghai on February 1st:—Miss F. Patterson, Col. Lawrence, Miss Fayers, Mrs. Lawrence and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Girardot and child; Mr. A. Kellermann, and Mr. J. J. Richards. Per s.s. Angers, on January 31st:—Mrs. L. C. Clark, Mrs. J. W. Hendrick, Miss S. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Tolmie, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Q. Hall, Mrs. J. Espaignac, Mr. K. C. Perera, Miss E. Plumb, Mr. and Mrs. Ch. F. Byram, Mr. G. E. Pires, Mr. P. Duhart, Rev. Father Thomas, Rev. Father Pierrat, Mr. L. Vigoureux, and Mr. L. Pechoux.	AND PEOPLE WHO PREFER TO LIVE IN CARVANS. London, Dec. 29th. A big area of ground near Acton Green, known as Brown's Yard, has been sold to make room for an up-to-date petrol station. It will be cleared on January 10th. Brown's Yard has a strange history. It was here that Mr. James Brown, a circus manager, who died about five months ago, lived in a caravan for fifty years, and where he rented out ground to other circus folk. Some of these folk have wintered at Brown's Yard for more than twenty years. "I was married here," said one woman, "my children were born here, and I cannot bear to leave." A man rolled up his shirt sleeve and showed an arm, which seemed to have been ripped open from end to end with a knife. He said: "A lion did this at Birmingham last summer. I have a good position and draw a large salary. I have a house and a car of my own, but I am restless and can never settle anywhere. I have wintered here in my caravan for more than seventeen years. It is the only life worth living. All my family have the travel fever. My daughter is showing some of her tame cubs at Olympia now. Over there (pointing to a caravan painted with gold mermaids and dolphins) lives one of the chief attractions of the Olympia Circus. But I must not mention the name."

BUSY SHIPYARDS.

BIG INCREASE IN OUTPUT FROM CLYDE.

The Clyde shipbuilding output for 1927 totals 254 ships, of 484,563 tons, compared with 173 vessels, of 238,753 tons last year, when work was held up by the coal stoppage. The record year for the Clyde was 1913, when the output was 766,176 tons, while in 1925 it was 514,100 tons, and in 1924 332,827 tons. The outlook for at least the first half of the New Year is believed to be fairly good, there being still a comparatively large amount of work on hand.

FOUND SHOT IN FLAT.

INDIAN ARMY OFFICER'S SUICIDE.

LONDON, Jan. 11th.
A verdict of suicide was returned at the inquest over the death of Major Wilfred Stuart Dayrell, D.S.O., of the Indian Army, who was found shot dead in his flat at St. James's.
His brother-in-law, Lieut.-Col. W. Armitage, said Major Dayrell was upset at having to release his farm in Gloucestershire. He added that he had lost a lot of money in farming and was also worried at his son's health.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1928.

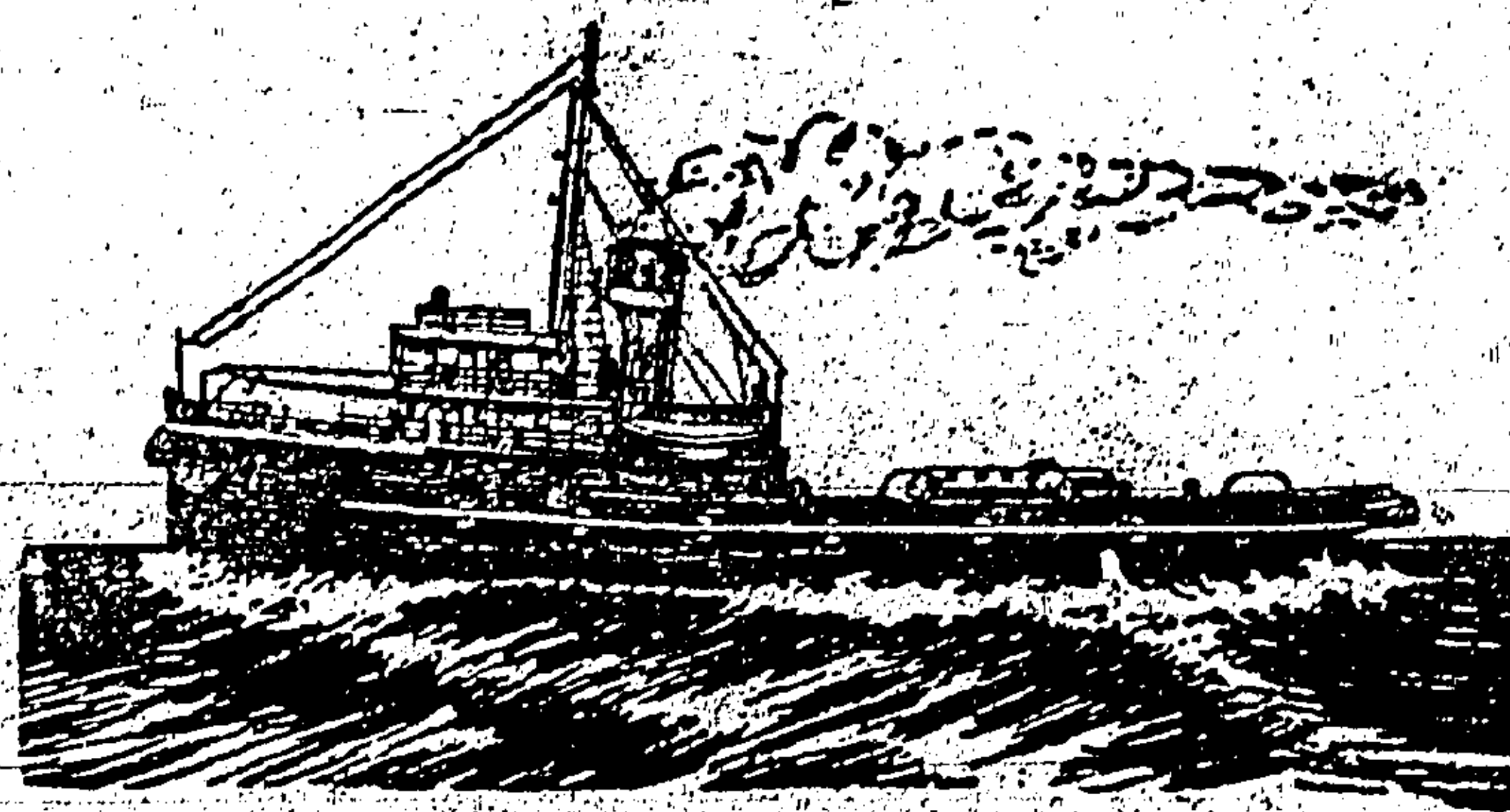
STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
February 2nd	7.03 a.m.	6.19 p.m.
3rd	7.02	6.13
4th	7.02	6.13
5th	7.02	6.14
6th	7.01	6.14
7th	7.00	6.15
8th	7.00	6.15
9th	6.59	6.16
10th	6.59	6.17
11th	6.58	6.18
12th	6.58	6.18
13th	6.57	6.19
14th	6.57	6.19
15th	6.56	6.20
16th	6.56	6.20
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19th	6.54	6.22
20th	6.53	6.22
21st	6.52	6.23
22nd	6.51	6.23
23rd	6.50	6.23
24th	6.49	6.24
25th	6.49	6.24
26th	6.48	6.25
27th	6.47	6.26
28th	6.47	6.26
29th	6.46	6.27

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To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHAKSANG" "KWAISANG" "HOPSANG"	Sun., 5th Feb., at 7 a.m. Wed., 8th Feb., at 7 a.m. Sun., 12th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHONGSHING"	Wed., 8th Feb., at 5 p.m.
KOBE via AMOY & MOJI	"YUENSANG"	Sun., 12th Feb., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, SHAL MOJI & KOBE	"FOOKSANG"	Wed., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOY, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"HOSANG"	Thurs., 23rd Feb., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWAISANG"	Satur., 4th Feb., at 4 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG" "KUTSANG"	Thurs., 3rd Feb., at 3 p.m. Wed., 8th Feb., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thurs., 8th Feb., at 3 p.m.

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HAIHONG	...	Friday, the 3rd February, at 1 p.m.
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HAICHING	...	Friday, the 10th February, at 1 p.m.

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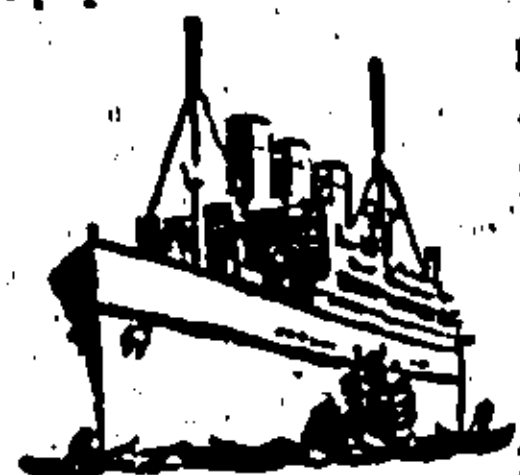
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TAMBA MARU (Call Los Angeles) Saturday, 11th Feb.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

GINYO MARU (Call Los Angeles) Monday, 6th Feb.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

KAWACHI MARU (Call Los Angeles) Wednesday, 29th Feb.

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LIVEPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

DELACOGA MARU (Call Saigon) Thursday, 9th Feb.

OLAUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

PENANG MARU (Call Saigon) Saturday, 4th Feb.

TOTOKI MARU (Call Saigon) Sunday, 12th Feb.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU (Call Saigon) Friday, 17th Feb.

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TOKUSHIMA MARU (Mojik direct) Saturday, 4th Feb.

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Further Sailings	Expected here on or about	Will leave homeward-bound on or about
M.S. "Australia"	14th February	25th March
M.S. "Asia"	23th February	5th April
M.S. "Africa"	28th March	30th April
M.S. "Malaya"	15th April	27th May
M.S. "Danimark"	25th May	30th June

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS AGAIN LOW.

THROUGH CARGO NORMAL.

Although there were 14 vessels arriving here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, freights brought for the Colony were again below the average. Through cargo, however, remained normal.

For Hong Kong there were only 7,297 tons discharged. These were from nine steamers, of which four were British. The total tonnage unloaded to 4,923 tons. The two best returns were 3,000 tons from the s.s. *Maung*, from Sandakan and 1,920 tons from the s.s. *Tijobada* arriving from Batavia and Manila.

For ports beyond the Colony there were 14,493 tons. Three British ships were responsible for 637 tons. The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Java* (Danish) and the *Tijobada* (Dutch). The former arriving from Copenhagen and Singapore carried 8,512 tons and the latter from Batavia and Manila manifested 4,000 tons.

Arrivals and Departures. The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	6	5
Japanese	0	2
Norwegian	0	1
Chinese	4	3
Danish	1	1
Dutch	2	1
French	1	3
American	0	2
Total	14	18

VESSELS EXPECTED:

American Mail Line.

President Madison, Feb. 6th.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Change, Feb. 7th.

Taipei, Mar. 8th.

Bank Line.

City of Benares, Feb. 12th.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 17th.

City of Yokohama, March 12th.

City of Dunfermline, Mar. 17th.

City of Bombay, April 4th.

City of Eastbourne, April 11th.

City of Carlisle, April 14th.

Den Line.

Benadict, Feb. 5th.

Philippines, Feb. 5th.

Talithyba, Feb. 9th.

Achilles, Feb. 13th.

Autolytus, Feb. 13th.

Polypheus, Feb. 20th.

Belorussian, Mar. 2nd.

Calchas, March 10th.

Sargodon, Mar. 8th.

Thesus, Mar. 18th.

Tricareus, Mar. 18th.

Tymareus, Mar. 18th.

Menelaus, Mar. 22nd.

Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.

Automedon, April 1st.

Patroclus, April 1st.

Proteus, April 10th.

Phenias, April 11th.

Agapenor, April 15th.

Laomedon, April 24th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Philippines, Feb. 5th.

Talithyba, Feb. 9th.

Achilles, Feb. 13th.

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Polypheus, Feb. 20th.

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British-India and Apcar Line.

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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

"SUNNING" OFFICERS PAID OFF.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

It is understood that owing to difficulties which have arisen in respect of the change of registry of the s.s. *Sunning*, this ship has been laid up and the officers paid off.

"Benadict" Dues Sunday.

The Ben. Line s.s. *Benadict*, which left Singapore on Monday, is due here on Sunday.

"Derwent" Laid Up.

The s.s. *Derwent* was laid up from yesterday, the master, Capt. Brewer, being appointed to s.s. *Hydrangea*, vice Captain Ball.

"Tenn" Docked.

The s.s. *Tenn* went into dock at Takao yesterday morning for overhaul.

Accident On "Kwang Sang."

A coolie was killed by a fall into the hold of the s.s. *Kwang Sang* whilst working cargo.

Asiatic Dock Passengers.

Asiatic dock passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 605.

One Casualty.

Under the heading of casualties, the master of the *General Mettinger* (French) reports that there was one case of broncho pneumonia during the voyage from Marseilles, via ports to Hong Kong.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Ambrose*, S.M. L. 19; South Wall Basin, *Peterel*, *Gannet*, *Cicada*; East Wall Basin, S.M. L. 5, L. 19, Tern; North Arm, *Titanis*, S.M. L. 1, L. 2, L. 3, L. 4, L. 5, L. 6, L. 7, L. 8, L. 9, L. 10, L. 11, L. 12, L. 13, L. 14, L. 15, L. 16, L. 17, L. 18, L. 19, L. 20, L. 21, L. 22, L. 23, L. 24, L. 25, L. 26, L. 27, L. 28, L. 29, L. 30, L. 31, L. 32, L. 33, L. 34, L. 35, L. 36, L. 37, L. 38, L. 39, L. 40, L. 41, L. 42, L. 43, L. 44, L. 45, L. 46, L. 47, L. 48, L. 49, L. 50, L. 51, L. 52, L. 53, L. 54, L. 55, L. 56, L. 57, L. 58, L. 59, L. 60, L. 61, L. 62, L. 63, L. 64, L. 65, L. 66, L. 67, L. 68, L. 69, L. 70, L. 71, L. 72, L. 73, L. 74, L. 75, L. 76, L. 77, L. 78, L. 79, L. 80, L. 81, L. 82, L. 83, L. 84, L. 85, L. 86, L. 87, L. 88, L. 89, L. 90, L. 91, L. 92, L. 93, L. 94, L. 95, L. 96, L. 97, L. 98, L. 99, L. 100.

Foreign Men of War:—Italian, *Sebastiano*, *Caboto*; Portuguese, *Pera De Alquerque*; U.S. *Gumbat*, *Asheville*; Japanese *Gunboat Uji*.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The m.v. *Sumatra* (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg, on January 21st, and is due here on or about March 10th.

The P. & O. s.s. *Malra* left Shanghai for this port on the 31st ult. at 3.30 p.m., with the mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

On her R.M.S. *Empress of Australia*, on her round the world cruise, left Batavia on January 31st at 6 p.m. and is due at Singapore to-day (Thursday) at 8 a.m.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Augsburg, Feb. 6th.

Goblenz, Feb. 14th.

Older, Feb. 20th.

Fulda, March 12th.

Prince Line.

Chinese Prince, Feb. 21st.

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"CITY OF BENARES" ... London, Rotterdam & Hamburg ... 20th "

"CITY OF MADRAS" ... Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg ... 25th March

